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CONDITIONS IN SOUTH KWANGTUNG.

PROPAGANDISTS ACTIVE.

A foreigner, who has recently travelled extensively in Southern Kwangtung, and who speaks Cantonese fluently, has made a particular point of investigating the anti-British boycott movement in this part of the province, has written for the *Telegraph* some impressions of what he has seen and heard. Below will be found the result of his enquiries:

After the pickets were recalled, shortly after the 10th of October, the writer interviewed some dozen merchants in Pakhoi as to the prospects of reopening trade with Hongkong and with their old firms, and was greatly surprised to find that the majority of the merchants were not interested to any great extent in the subject. After further investigations I heard the reason why. When the pickets left, they turned their work over to the Labour Unions, requesting them to refuse to handle anything from Hongkong and thus carry on the boycott as usual. The merchants, knowing this, naturally refrained from buying goods in Hongkong. The boycott, therefore, was carried on here as usual, nothing whatever coming down from Hongkong and no goods being exported thereto.

DECISION REACHED.

On Monday, December 6th, however, there was a general meeting called of all the unions and merchants bodies to meet representatives of the Government in order to discuss the subject and decide what the future policy should be. It was decided at this meeting that the boycott should be lifted, at least with regards to exports, and free intercourse with Hongkong reopened, with one condition—namely, that no British goods be permitted to enter the port. I understand that imports will be allowed from Hongkong provided they are not of English origin, but so far as the boycott of British goods is concerned the boycott is as strong as ever, the Union men, possibly under pressure from above, absolutely refusing to handle them.

The s.s. *Mepado Maru*, sailing from Pakhoi on December 9th, was the first steamer carrying cargo from Pakhoi to Hongkong since the strike began. She took away four thousand packages.

EFFECT ON TRADE.

The boycott has been a big blow to the trade of this port. It is indeed difficult for outsiders to realize how completely the trade of the port of Pakhoi, the feeding port of these Southern districts, has been ruined. A few figures will serve to demonstrate conditions. According to the reports of the C. M. Customs, by March, 1926, the trade of the port had decreased 75 per cent as compared to 1925. Trade in foreign goods was reported nil. Imports had dwindled to such a point as to be reported "insignificant." Taxes on kerosene oil were so high that foreign companies refused to ship oil here, with the result that the commodity was selling at twelve dollars per case, or more than double the usual price. The takings of the C. M. Customs for the first quarter of 1926, excluding surtax, amounted to HK. Tls. 9,137 as against Tls. 36,347 for the corresponding quarter in 1925, a decrease of Tls. 27,210. The Native Customs also showed a bad falling off. There was during the quarter a decrease of thirty vessels arriving in port, aggregating a decrease in tonnage of 50,000. Not a single British vessel called at the port.

That is how matters stood in respect to trade at the beginning of 1926. Let us see how it stands now, according to the latest figures obtainable. Both exports and imports show a further falling off as compared with the same period of 1925. About the only exports now are a few salt fish, duck feathers, a small quantity of manganese, and such like commodities. Imports

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SHANGHAI AGITATIONS CONTINUE.

ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE POLICE.

NEW REGIME URGED.

The Shanghai police report for November states that sympathisers of the Southern Party continued the propaganda campaign against the local Chinese Authorities and Fengtien Party during the month. They accused Marshal Sun Chuan-fang of being a traitor who had sold Kiangsu to Fengtien, and condemned General Chang Chung-chang and his followers as robbers and outlaws.

The campaign against the latter culminated in a mass meeting on November 28 which was attended by about two thousand people. Orators on that occasion expressed their opposition to the Southward movement of General Chang, and their followers distributed thousands of handbills of thirty different kinds in support of this opposition.

The distribution of literature of similar import continued throughout the month, and efforts were made on a few occasions to undermine the loyalty of the police and soldiers in Chinese territory. Forty of the participants in this propaganda campaign were arrested, but at the end of the month all of them with the exception of about twelve, had been again set at liberty.

As an alternative to the present regime, the agitators urged that Shanghai be formed into a special area under an autonomous government elected by the people. This demand was supported by a new organization called the "Three Provinces Association" which further advocated that Kiangsu, Chekiang and Anhwei be allowed to set up an independent government free from militarist interference.

PLUCKY KOWLOON GIRL.

CHASED SNATCHER AFTER BEING KNOCKED DOWN.

A chase along an alleyway by a small girl, after an alleged snatcher, was described at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese was charged, before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, with "snatching a gold brooch from Miss Catherine Maxwell and also with assaulting her."

According to the evidence of the prosecution, little Miss Maxwell was returning from the Post Office via Ashley Road on Saturday afternoon. On nearing the alleyway at the rear of a block of houses in Peking Road, the defendant rushed out and snatched her brooch.

The prisoner then ran into the lane again, with the complainant in pursuit. The young girl caught the defendant, but the latter turned round and knocked her down. The chase was continued, and at the market, the defendant rushed into the quarters at the rear. The complainant again went after the defendant who rushed out, whereupon he was arrested by a sanitary Department coolie, with the assistance of Mr. A. Gosuno.

It was seen that the defendant had some blood smeared on his finger and that he had been scratched. The complainant was injured on her leg when she was knocked down and was also scratched on her neck. The brooch was later recovered near the market.

Sergeant Goodwin stated in evidence that the injury to the defendant's finger corresponded to a pin prick.

The defendant admitted being in the locality at the time, but said a friend whom he was with snatched the brooch.

His Worship convicted the defendant on both charges and passed sentence of six months' hard labour and twelve strokes of the birch.

BALTIC FEARS.

LITHUANIAN COUP RESULT.

POLAND AND SOVIET.

London, Dec. 19.

Accusations, denials and counter-accusations propagated by the various Baltic States' evidence the concern with which the Lithuanian coup d'etat is watched abroad, especially in Russia and Poland.

The latter country is credited with feeling anxiety on account of the recent ratification of the Russo-Lithuanian Guarantee Pact, which, *inter alia*, virtually recognised Lithuania's right to Vilna, which Poland has held with international sanction since Zeligowski's coup in 1920.

Reports from Warsaw to the effect that Lithuania is contemplating an attack on Vilna has evoked a denial by the Lithuanian Minister in London, emphasising the purely domestic nature of the coup d'etat.

The *Investigator*, at Moscow, however, asserts that the developments are inspired by outside influences, particularly "the Imperialistic elements of Poland," and says that the Soviets will not interfere in internal affairs but cannot remain a disinterested spectator of plans to abolish Lithuanian independence.

A message from Riga, says that military leaders at Kovno have induced the President formally to dismiss the old Ministry and sanction the formation of a new Cabinet under Professor Valdemaras. The latter has issued a statement that the revolt is due to a fear that the Government, which was too friendly towards the Bolsheviks, was steering the country to a catastrophe.—*Reuter*.

A RISING FORESTALLED.

Riga, Dec. 19.

That they were preparing for a Communist rising in January supported by foreign gold, is among the charges against the late Government featured in the Lithuanian press, congratulating the Army for "carrying out the wishes of the people" and forestalling the intended revolution.

The newly appointed Commander at Kovno has prohibited public meetings, strikes and profiteering. Dr. Ginius has resigned the Presidency.

MILITARY PRESIDENT.

Later.

A message from Kovno says that Gen. Smetona has been elected President of the Republic. Parliament has assembled and the town is beflagged.—*Reuter*.

POLITICAL TOUR.

EMPIRE DELEGATES RETURN.

Rugby, Dec. 19.

The delegation of the Empire Parliamentary Association, headed by Lord Salisbury and including members of all parties in both Houses of the British Parliament, returned to London last night from Australia, where, on behalf of the British branch of the Association, a replica of the Speaker's Chair in the House of Commons was presented to Australia for the use of the Speaker in the buildings of the Commonwealth Parliament, at the new capital, Canberra.

The tour, which began early in August, was the most ambitious yet undertaken by the Association and included visits to Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Members of the delegation were everywhere received with great cordiality and have returned deeply impressed with the immense resources of the countries visited.—*British Wireless*.

The local weather forecast up to noon tomorrow is:—North-east winds, moderate; cloudy at first, drier later.

CANTON EXTREMISTS ANNOYED.

ANGRY OVER OFFICIAL ACTION.

TELEGRAM OF PROTEST.

Reports from Canton indicate that the extreme elements in the Labour Unions are incensed against the action which the Government is taking to check the unlawful actions of these bodies. As is known, the authorities have stated that they will not permit the blockading of shops by pickets, and, further, that they intend to suppress all labour feuds, and the new Commissioner of Public Safety, General Chien Ta-chun has already caused the arrest of a number of pickets.

The Workers' Representative Conference, which claims to have over 200 Unions under its control, objects to these methods, saying the result will be the losing of prestige by the Unions.

Latest reports state that the Workers' Conference has circulated a telegram to all branches of the Kuomintang Party to the effect that the actions of General Li Chai-sum and General Chien Ta-chun will completely crush the labour movement in Canton, and that they are contrary to the Kuomintang principles laid down by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who always sought the protection of the working classes.

The telegram adds that these Government actions really undermine the revolutionary movement.

Secret meetings are being held by the Unions, and there is evidence of much tension in labour circles as a result.

CANTON MERCHANTS COMPLAIN.

MUCH CARGO ON IDLED SHIPS.

PLEA FOR RELEASE.

Troubles arising out of the strike of crews of the steamers of the China Merchants Fleet are being given much prominence in Canton. As a result of the strike, the Company, as is known, recently decided to suspend business, all its steamers being laid up.

It is stated that there are many million dollars' worth of cargo aboard the Company's boats now laid up in Canton, and that all these goods are being held up in consequence.

The merchants to whom the goods are consigned are now complaining that they are suffering as a direct consequence of the action by the Seamen's Union, which led to the suspension of business. They have represented their grievances to the Government, stating that the dispute is a matter solely between the Company and the Union, and that there is no reason why the cargo aboard steamers in Canton should be held up. A plea is therefore made that these goods should be released without delay.

GERMANY'S FOREIGN POLICY.

NO SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE EXPECTED.

Rugby, Dec. 19.

According to press telegrams, Dr. Stresemann will retain his position as Foreign Secretary in the new German Cabinet, to succeed the Marx Government which was defeated on Friday night, and British observers assume there will be no substantial change in Germany's foreign policy.—*British Wireless*.

MURDER TRIAL.

MAN KILLED WITH AXE.

A SHAIKIWAN TRAGEDY.

The murder of a Chinese at the Tung On shipbuilding yard at Shaikiwan engaged the attention of Mr. Justice Wood, and a jury at the Criminal Sessions which opened at the Supreme Court this morning. The prisoner, a cook, is charged with the murder of a Chinese named Lai Wan, and he is being defended by Mr. T. Addis. Mr. J. H. B. Nihill is prosecuting for the Crown.

Mr. Nihill said the building yard was on the north of the main street at Shaikiwan, and in the yard was a hut which contained two floors, a ground floor and a first floor. The first floor was used by employees at the yard for sleeping purposes, and the ground floor was occupied by partners in the firm. There were, he said, five men sleeping on the first floor of the hut, four of whom slept in the same room, while the prisoner slept in a small cubicle which opened out from the room. The deceased slept on a bed with his true brother, Mak Sung; a man named Lo Kwan slept on a table; and another man, named Kwok Man, slept on the floor somewhere near the table.

THE FATAL NIGHT.

On the night of October 19th, Lo Kwan went to bed at about nine o'clock, and he would say that Lai Wan and his brother were then in bed but the prisoner was not there. There was a light in the room and this was not turned out, because it was the custom to have the light burning all night. Lo Kwan was awakened by the prisoner who asked him to go out and get him some medicine as he complained of pains in his stomach. After some hesitation, Lo Kwan did as he was requested, and when he returned the tragedy had taken place.

The other man, Kwok Man, would say he felt a blow on his body, and, opening his eyes, he saw the prisoner standing over him with an axe in his hand. Kwok shouted "Hi-yah," and that apparently woke up Mak Sung, who saw the prisoner with the axe in his hand. He noticed that the head of the axe was red, and he seized and disarmed the prisoner. Mak Sung then looked at his face and noticed that his face was covered in blood, and bore the marks of three gashes. At that time Lai was not dead; he was breathing with difficulty, but it was clear that an attack had been made.

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EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

CONDITION BECOMES WORSE.

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

The Emperor's temperature, pulse and respiration are decreasing. Pneumonia in the right lung has further developed.

Increasing fatigue is noted. Owing to His Majesty's dangerous condition, public music and dancing have been voluntarily stopped all over Tokyo.

It has been decided to dispense with New Year decorations which normally are of the gayest.

Several attempts at self-immolation owing to despondency over the Emperor's condition are reported, including that of one of the nurses attending His Majesty.

Most places of amusement have been closed since yesterday, but places of worship, on the other hand, are crowded with people praying for the Emperor's recovery.—*Reuter*.

PRINCE CHICHIBU RETURNING.

Rugby, Dec. 19.

In view of the serious illness of the Emperor of Japan, Prince Chichibu, his second son, who has been undergoing a course of study in England, will leave Southampton by the "Majestic" on Wednesday for the United States, on his way to Tokyo.—*British Wireless*.

STUDENTS' ARROGANT DEMANDS.

MORE SCHOOLS CLOSE DOWN.

ANTI-MISSIONARY MOVE.

The semi-bolshevization of schools, missionary and otherwise, coincident with the Cantonese occupation of Central China, is being evidenced by the continual presentation of all sorts of demands by the various student bodies to their respective faculties, says a Hankow message of the 14th instant.

The demands recently put forward by the students of Yale-in-China, which is the largest institution of its kind in Hunan, serve as a general indication of what is going on in other missionary schools in that province. The principle demands were: that tuition fees be decreased; that the college subsidize the students' union; that the students be empowered to dismiss, by vote, teachers of whom they did not approve, and that students should not be expelled without the union's sanction.

As it is, the upkeep of the school is already borne to the extent of 80 per cent. by grants from America, the low tuition charges accounting only for the remaining 20 per cent.

The situation at present is a deadlock, most sections of the institution being on strike. The faculty are unable to obtain redress from the Cantonese authorities.

A similar situation cropped up lately at the Central China Teachers' College at Wuchang, where the students demanded the dismissal of certain professors. Appeal to the Southern authorities elicited the answer that they supported the students' standpoint, which they considered perfectly justified.

Finally a meeting was called of the Board of Trustees, representing various missions. The Board decided to close down the college, which has since remained closed.

PEAK TRAMS.

COMPANY ADOPTS NEW ARTICLES.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Peak Tramways Company, Limited, was held this morning at which a resolution approving and adopting new Articles of Association was passed.

Mr. Henry Humphreys occupied the chair, and there also present: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, Mr. R. Mein Austin, (directors), Mr. R. A. Wadeson (solicitor), Mr. G. Rapp (Secretary) and the following shareholders, Messrs. W. Morley, J. H. Seth, A. O. Lang, J. M. Wong, D. Wilson, J. H. Tarrant, J. D. Humphreys, S. F. Chubb and J. H. Brister.

The notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, Every shareholder has been sent a circular explaining at some length all the important changes in the Articles. I do not propose, unless called upon to do so, to reiterate what has already been stated in the circular, but I would like to amplify the statement in the circular in regard to increased remuneration to General Managers and Directors. Their remuneration has remained the same for twenty years' past. During those twenty years, as you are aware, the cost of living has more than doubled, with the natural result that not only does it cost one more to live but employers have to pay very much more to their employees and for office rent.

Unless any shareholder has any questions to ask I shall move the adoption of the Resolution before the meeting.

Mr. J. H. Seth seconded and the resolution was unanimously carried. There was no other business.

Through being knocked down by a tramcar yesterday, at the junction of Morrison Street and Connaught Road Central, a Chinaman was injured in the right leg. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

ARMIES MOVING.

CHEKIANG AS BUFFER PROVINCE?

YANG SEN'S ATTITUDE.

According to Chinese reports, the tension in the Chekiang situation has been somewhat relieved, but, none the less, serious fighting is expected within a week or so, as the armies of the Kuomintang army and of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang are moving into position.

The majority of the Kuomintang troops are stationed at Hanglo, about 100 miles south-west of Hangchow, where they are awaiting the arrival of the troops under General Ho Ying-yun, the Commanding Officer of the Kuomintang 1st Army Corps, who is fighting his way through Fukien. It is said that if an opportunity arises, General Chang Kai-shek will order a general attack on Shanghai.

On the other hand, Chang Yi and Chow Feng-che, both Chekiang generals, are said to have met at Hangchow on the 17th inst. to make plans for the independence of Chekiang, holding this province as a buffer state to avoid further war. Meantime, movements of troops from Nanking southwards to the Chekiang border by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang are still continuing, it is reported.

General Chang Chung-chang, Tsupan of Shantung and a loyal subordinate of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, arrived at Nanking, on the 18th inst., with heavy guards both of Fengtienese and White Russians. Shortly after his arrival, it is reported, he called a secret conference with Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and other generals to discuss steps to be taken to resist the "Red" invaders. It is further stated that he will remain for about four days before returning to Tselan, the capital of Shantung, leaving his subordinate, Chu-Yuk-pok, at Nanking to direct military movements.

YANG SEN DISTURBED.

Ichang, Dec. 9.—There is a great deal of mystery, and consequently many rumours, regarding the local situation, say a correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News*. It is true that there is much friction between Yang Sen and the generals commanding the northern troops, but it is also said that the Cantonese do not trust Yang Sen's sincerity, and that there is likely to be fighting between the Cantonese and his troops. General Lu Chin-san is reported to have given up his job, and to be leaving. If so, it will be with the regret of the Ichang foreign and Chinese communities as he has been able for long to safeguard the peace of this district. To-day several ships left heavily laden with Szechuanese troops for Shansi. They are said to have begun fighting there and an old enemy of Yang Sen's—Yuen Tso-ming—is attacking him.

MORE HIGH HANDEDNESS.

A rather typically high-handed incident occurred here yesterday. Two of Indo-China ships, the King Wo and the Tung Wo, were boarded by Szechuanese officers who gave orders that steam was to be got up and the ships leave with troops in the morning for Shansi. H.M. Consul, Mr. Blunt, was communicated with and was able with Yang Sen's orders to have them removed in about two hours. Later in the evening the same thing happened, but this time they tried American ships, and went on board three of the Yangtze Rapid ships. The Commander of the Elcano and Mr. Blunt saw Yang Sen about it, and again they were successful in getting the men off. It is said that Yang Sen has now issued orders that no Szechuanese troops have to go on board British or American ships.

SOUTH HONAN GOES OVER.

Huangling, Ho, Dec. 7.—South Honan has virtually gone over to the Cantonese. It has not been done through force of arms but by propaganda. Three generals of Marshal Wu Pei-fu south of Cheng-chow, whether purposely or

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and Miss Jean Vallance Fleming,
younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
John Fleming, of Coates, Pen-
cuck, Scotland.The Rev. H. Copley Moyle offi-
ciated.The bride was given away by
her brother, Mr. John Fleming, of
Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and
Matthews. She was attired in a
gown of crepe Jeanette trimmed
with silver leaves in Grecian
style, with train and illusion veil
to match. Her bouquet was of
pink and white roses.The bride was attended by
Miss Cathie Shaw as bridesmaid.
Miss Shaw wore coral liberty
satin, with a brown velvet mirror
picture hat, and carried a bouquet
of pink roses.The matron of honour, Mrs.
W.J.E. Mackenzie, carried a bou-
quet of chrysanthemums while
her dress was of cinnamon lace
over satin with a black crinoline
hat.Mr. R. K. Hepburn was best
man, while the pages were Mas-
ters Jim Mackenzie and John
Wood.Mr. F. Mason was at the organ.
There was a large gathering at
the Cathedral and the cubs of the
6th Hongkong Pack, with which the
bride was connected, formed a
guard of honour.The guests adjourned to No.
105, The Peak, which was also
beautifully decorated for the re-
ception. The customary toasts
were honoured, after which the
bride and bridegroom left for
Hanglehow where the honeymoon
is being spent, the bride wearing
bois de rose crepe de Chine,
trimmed with mole fur, a mole-
hat and shoes to match.**Ham-Ten.**A very interesting Chinese
wedding was solemnised at St.
Stephen's Church, on Saturday
afternoon, when Miss Edith Ten
only daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Ten, of Australia was
married to Mr. William G. C. Ham,
a well-known local merchant and
third son of the late Mr. C. M.
Ham and Mrs. Ham of Australia.The service was conducted by
the Rev. Lee Kau-yan.Charmingly attired in a dress
of French ivory charmeuse, richly
embroidered with sprays of silver
beads, pearls and rhinestones
with a train suspended from the
shoulder similarly embroidered
and lined with ivory georgette,
the bride entered the church on
the arm of Mr. James Ng, by
whom she was given away. The
bride's veil was arranged with a
diadem of pearls and orange
blossoms. She carried a shower
bouquet of white chrysanthemums
and pale pink roses.Miss Sue A. L. Gooley, of
Melbourne, attended as brides-
maid and wore a simple frock of
salmon pink charmeuse and silver
lace with side draperies of
georgette. Her hair bandeau was
of silver tissue with posy at side
and she carried a shower bouquet
of pink shaded roses.The flower girl, Miss Kae Lau,
wore a pale green frock of geor-
gette with inset panels of tiny
frills finished with hand made
flowers and silver ribbons. She
had silver ribbon hair bandeau,
ornamented with hand made
posies and carried a silver basket
of pink rosebuds.The duties of best man were
discharged by Mr. C. E. Wong.Subsequent to the ceremony at
the Church, a reception was held
at the roof garden of the Hong-
kong Hotel, where the happy
couple received the congratula-
tions of their many friends. In
the evening a Chinese dinner was
given at To Yuen restaurant,
where Mr. and Mrs. Ham were
the recipients of further felici-
tations.The bridegroom's present to
the bridesmaids was a silver purse
each, and to the flower girl the
same. The bridegroom's present
to the bride was a gold wristlet
watch and the bride's present to
the bridegroom was a pair of jade
cuff links.**Ford-Lee.**A very pretty marriage took
place at St. John's Cathedral on
Saturday afternoon when Miss
Grace Daphne Lee, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Lee became the
bride of Mr. George Stephen Ford,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford. The
Rev. H. Copley Moyle performed
the ceremony.Given away by her father, the
bride looked charming in a dress
of charmeuse satin trimmed with
orange blossom and French lace
and carrying a bouquet of white
roses and maiden hair fern. Her
attendants were Miss Stella Lee
as matron of honour, Miss Maisie
Kotewall and Miss Cissie Leung
as bridesmaids, while Henry
Raham acted as page.The bridesmaids both wore
apricot georgette with frills and
carried gold baskets of pink roses
with maiden hair fern. The
bride's mother's dress was of
green and gold brocade satin.A very happy gathering assem-
bled at No. 9, Robinson Road,
where the reception was held, and
toasts drunk to the happiness of
the newly married couple.After the ceremony Mr. and
Mrs. Ford left for Repulse Bay
for their honeymoon which is
being extended over a trip to
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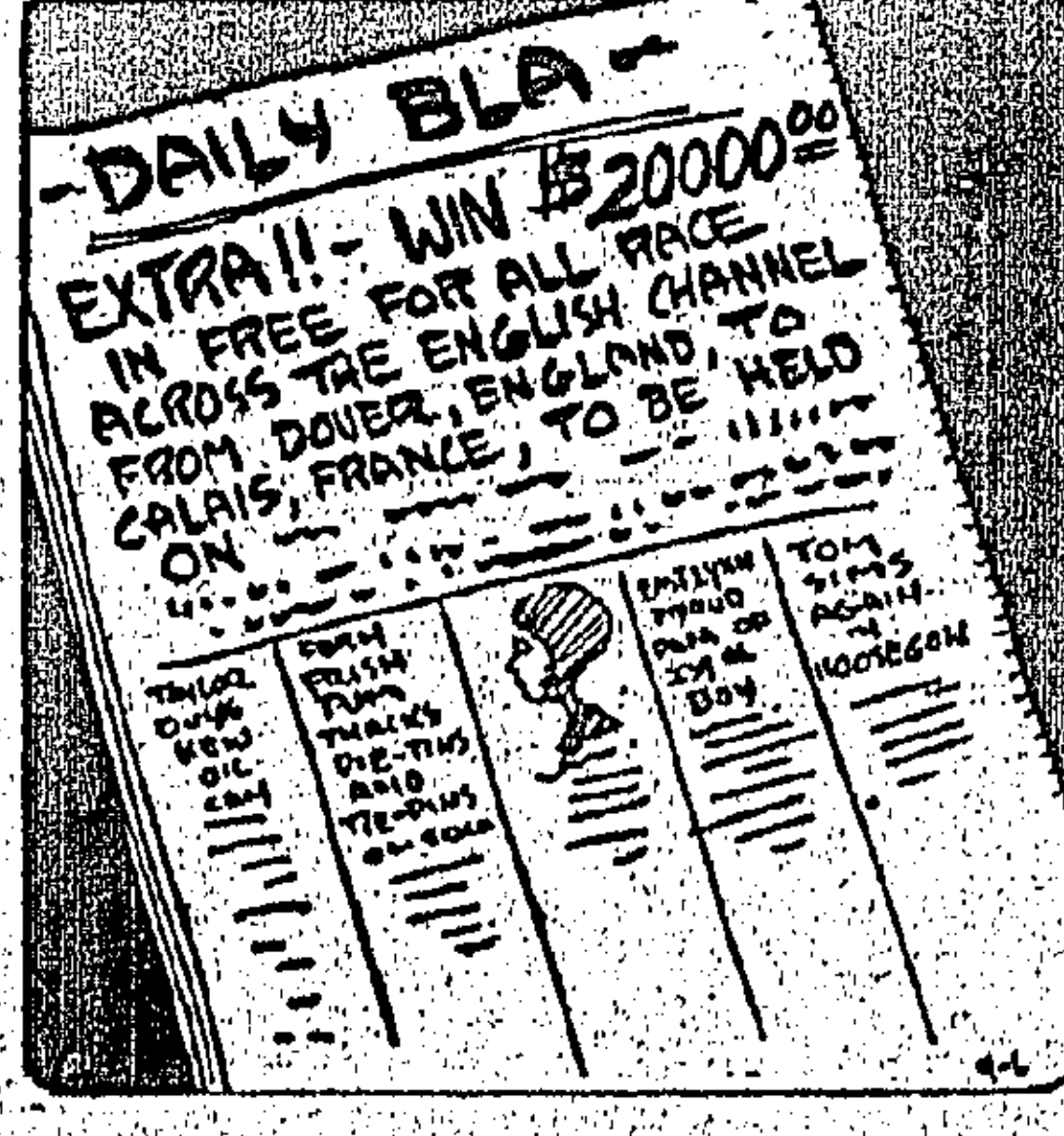
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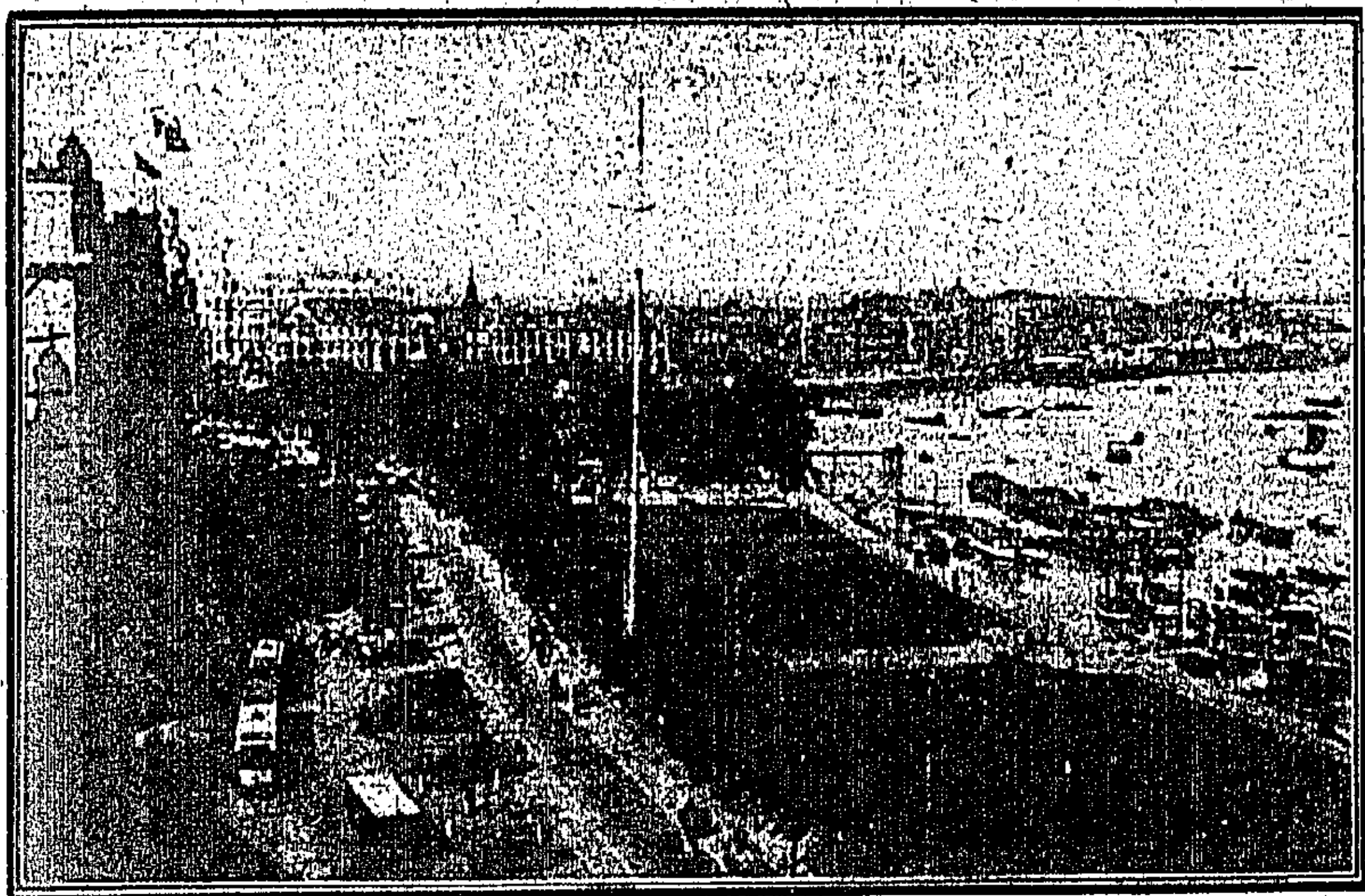
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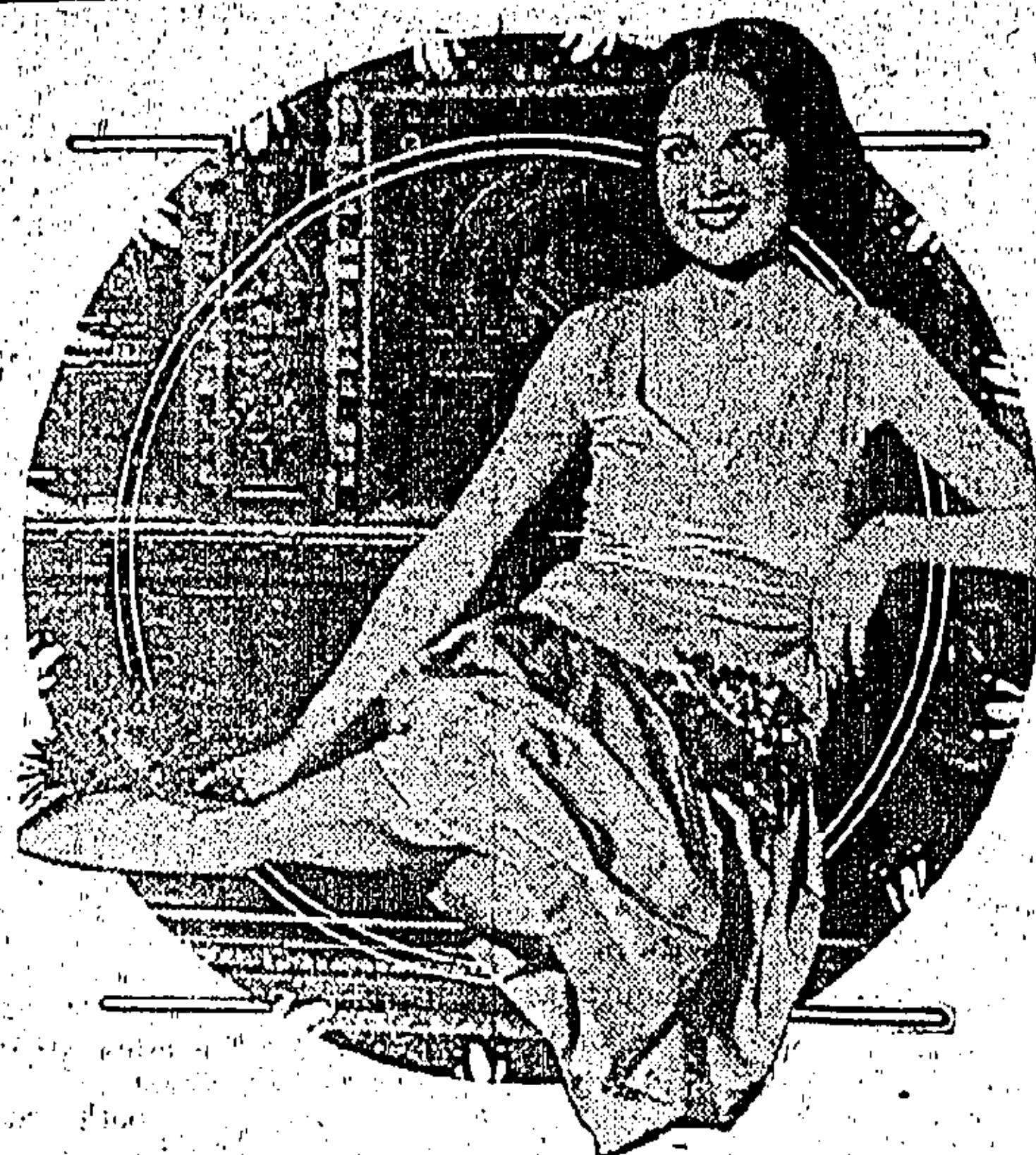
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SHANGHAI FROM ALOFT.—An extended view of Shanghai's Bund and foreshore as seen from the top of one of the "skyscrapers."



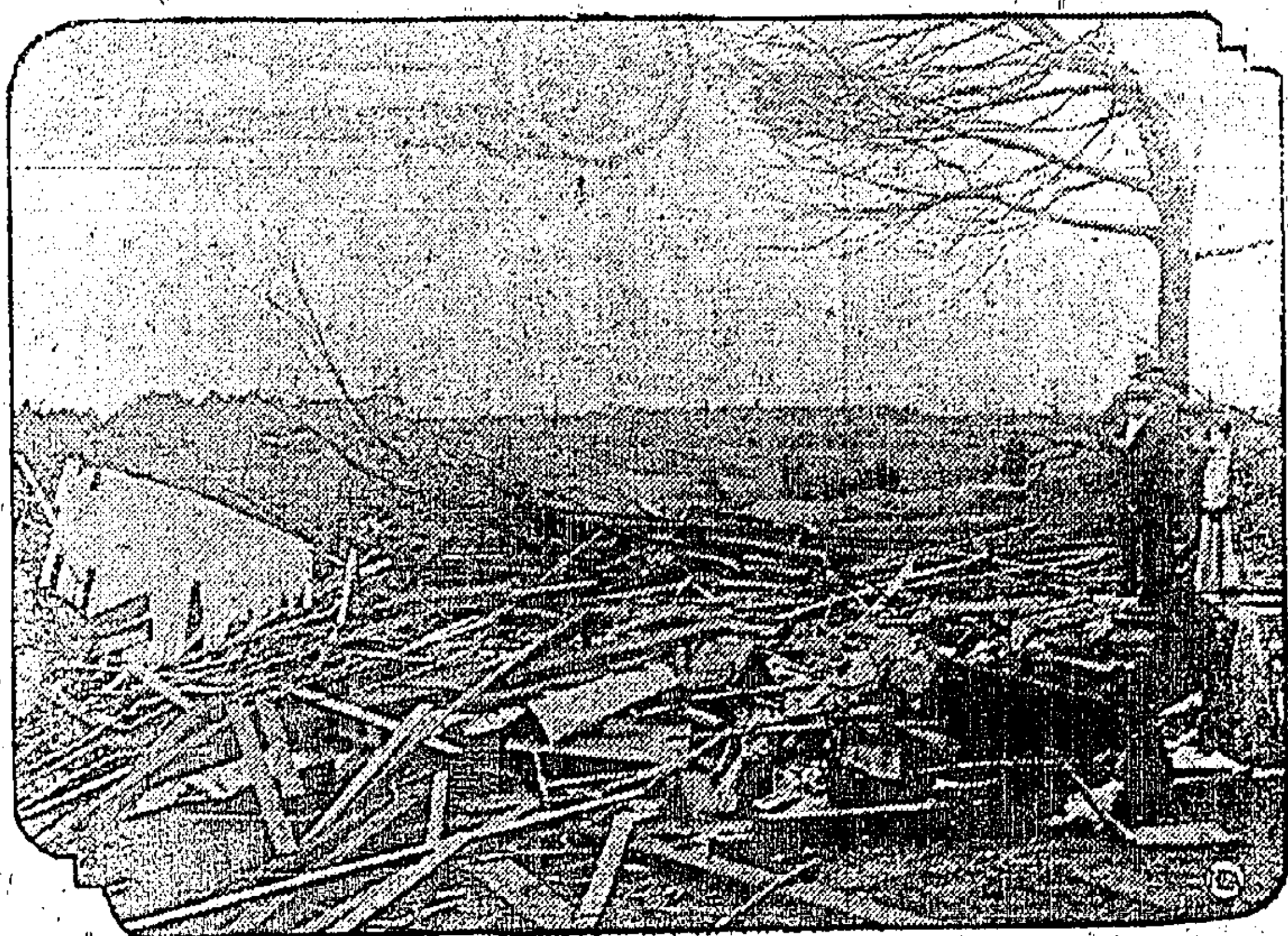
ENGLISH BEAUTY WINNER.—Miss Peggy Lamont winner in the all-Britain beauty contest at Albert Hall, London, over 299 opponents.



FROM BUCHAREST.—The new minister from Roumania, Mr. George Cretziano, to succeed Prince Bibesco, at Washington.



FIRST SHANGHAI DECEMBER WEDDING.—Group taken after the wedding, on December 1, at Holy Trinity Cathedral of Mr. Edwin Joseph Davies and Miss Margaret Dingsdale. The bride was attended by Mrs. A. Grinrod, as matron of honour, and the Misses Eunice Walton and Ella Smith as bridesmaids. Mr. Stanley Parkinson was the best man.



SCHOOL HOUSE DEMOLISHED.—Death came upon eleven children at their desks in this La Plata, Maryland school house as it was crushed in the vortex of a whirlwind which cut a swath of destruction across the countryside. More than twenty other pupils were injured.



WALKING TO VICTORY.—Mr. S. Sakurai, first man in during the walking match, snapped along the course at Shanghai. Being a member of the Japanese team he is distinguished by the badge of the "rising sun" on his vest.



THE CROWD THAT WAITED FOR THE WALKERS.—In spite of drizzling rain a large section of Shanghai's population turned out recently to await the arrival of the walking match teams. Our picture shows a portion of the Grand Stand at the Race Course well filled with interested spectators.

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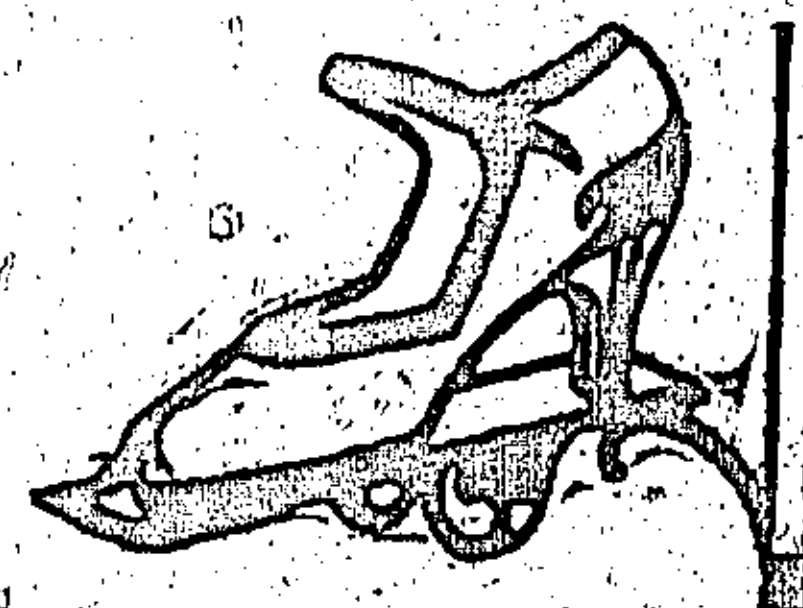
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Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

(sgd.) CHOW SIK CHEUNG.

Dated at Hongkong, this 17th day of December, 1926.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Inaugural Race Meeting for China ponies of this Club will take place at Macao on the 6th February, 1927, next, if weather permits. There will be only one event at this Meeting, "The Trial Stakes."

The first annual Spring Meeting for China ponies is scheduled to take place on the 16th, 17th, 18th and 24th April, 1927. The Champion Sweepstake will be run on the 18th April, the 3rd day of the Meeting.

By Order,

S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

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"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on Thursday, the 20th day of January, 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A copy of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company with the said alterations, amendments and differences between the existing and new Articles incorporated and indicated in red ink can be seen during usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

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Dated the 16th day of Dec., 1926.

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Tuesday, 21st December,
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v.
Stoker Taff Howard,

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Goods not cleared by the 27th December, 1926, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th December, 1926, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas. Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

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Hongkong, December 20, 1926.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY

the 20th December, 1926, commencing at 3.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Quantity of Beer, Wine and Spirits,

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Beer, Gin, Champagne, Vermouth, etc., etc.

(to be put up in suitable lots.)

On View on Day of Sale.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from the Executor of the late Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, to sell by Public Auction,

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commencing at 10.30 a.m. with an interval from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. at "Taiwo" Barker Road, (No. 463, The Peak).

A Large Quantity of Household Furniture & Curios,

comprising—
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on WEDNESDAY,
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At The Godowns of The China Navigation Co., Ltd., West Point.

A Large Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods—more or less damaged.

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on THURSDAY,
the 23rd December, 1926,

commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

2 Bags Salt Fish.
1 Case Pocket Knives.
2 Cases Clocks.
8 Hurricane Lanterns.
5 Kerosene Stoves.
5 Spittoons.
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ARMIES MOVING.

(Continued From Page 1.)

otherwise, have delayed a counter-attack on the southern forces for many weeks so that now an attack is impossible. Neither officers nor men are willing to attack. Although South Honan is nominally held by Wu Pei-fu's forces yet officers and soldiers are practically under the influence of the South and are waiting for their new labels to be pinned on. Marshal Wu Pei-fu is powerless under these circumstances and it may require a readjustment of the plans of the New Ankuo Chun in the north because nothing can be counted on now by way of assistance from the troops occupying the Peking-Hankow Railway, Chengchow to Hsinyangchow. On the other hand, however, it may

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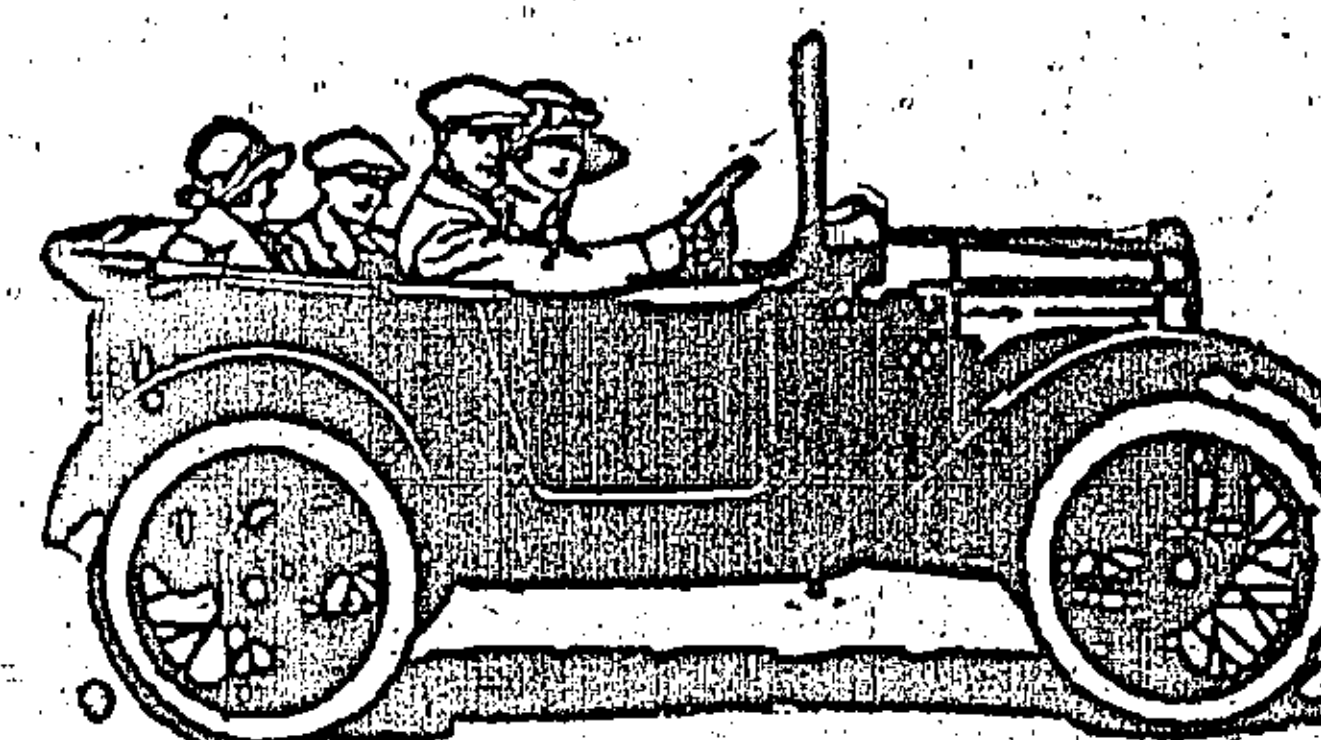
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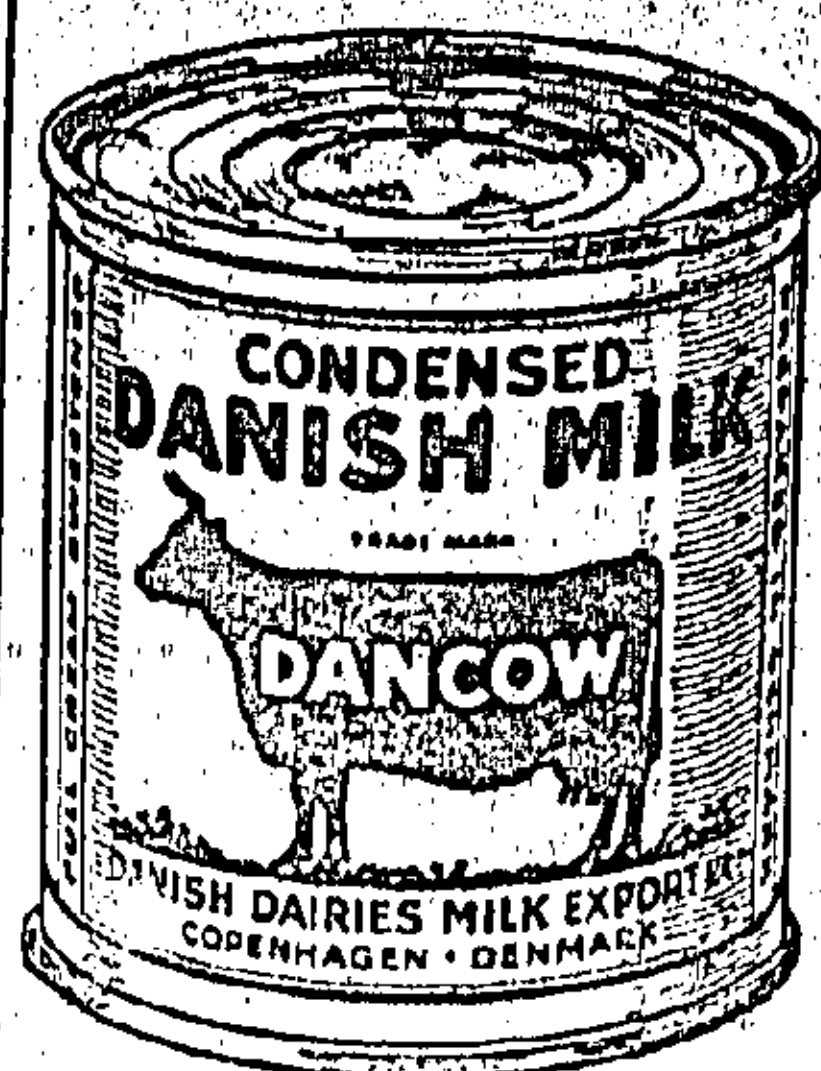
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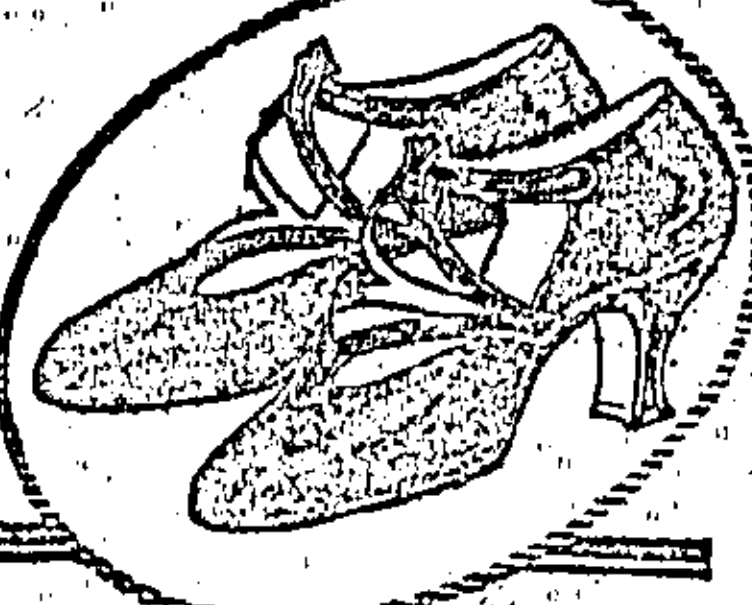
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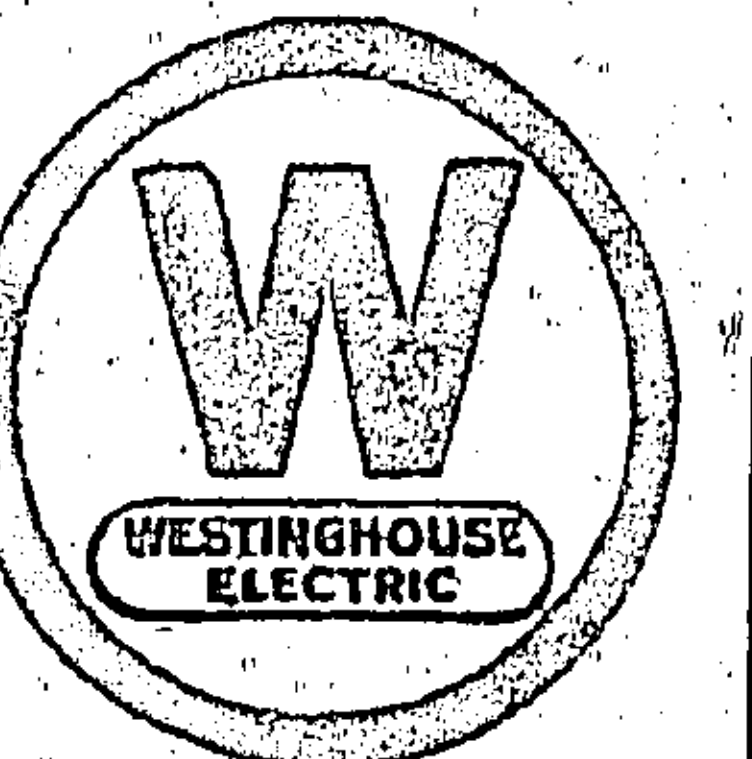
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IMPORTANT MEETING IN PEKING.

Peking, Dec. 18.

A meeting was held this morning at the senior Minister's house of foreign Ministers, to whom the British Charge d'Affairs communicated a document of considerable importance regarding the general policy in China.

It is believed that the document contained new proposals of a liberal and far-reaching kind.—*Reuter.*

A Distinct Gain.

Hankow, Dec. 18.

The conversations between Mr. Miles Lampson, the new British Minister, and Mr. Eugene Chen were of the most cordial nature throughout.

It is understood that the air has been considerably cleared and that friendly atmosphere has been created. This is regarded by both sides as being a distinct gain in the direction of a better understanding which, it is believed, will be the result of the conversations.

It is understood that the conversations will be resumed shortly after the New Year.—*Reuter.*

To Peking.

Hankow, Dec. 18.

H.M.S. Petersfield, with Mr. Miles Lampson aboard went to Pukow last night. The Minister enroute for Peking at Pukow.—*Reuter.*

HANKOW SERVANTS.

LIST OF DEMANDS PREPARED.

Hankow, Dec. 18.

The Servants' Union to-day issued pamphlets containing the demands they intend to present to the British Consul, namely:

1.—Members cannot be dismissed or in any way oppressed. Should employers have cause for complaint they must inform the Union, who shall deal with the matter.

2.—Wages must be increased yearly and a month's wages given at Chinese New Year.

3.—The Union shall superintend members' behaviour, and that Union's inspectors shall visit discretionally premises in which members are employed.

4.—Employers must provide medical attention, with the exception of that for venereal disease.

5.—Three weeks' holiday must be given yearly or a month's pay instead.

6.—Vacancies as they occur must be filled by the Union.

A limit of seven days is given for acceptance to the demands.

The increases demanded range from about 10 per cent. in the case of highly paid men to 100 per cent. for the lowly paid men.—*Reuter.*

WAR DEBTS.

AMERICAN PROFESSORS URGE REVISION.

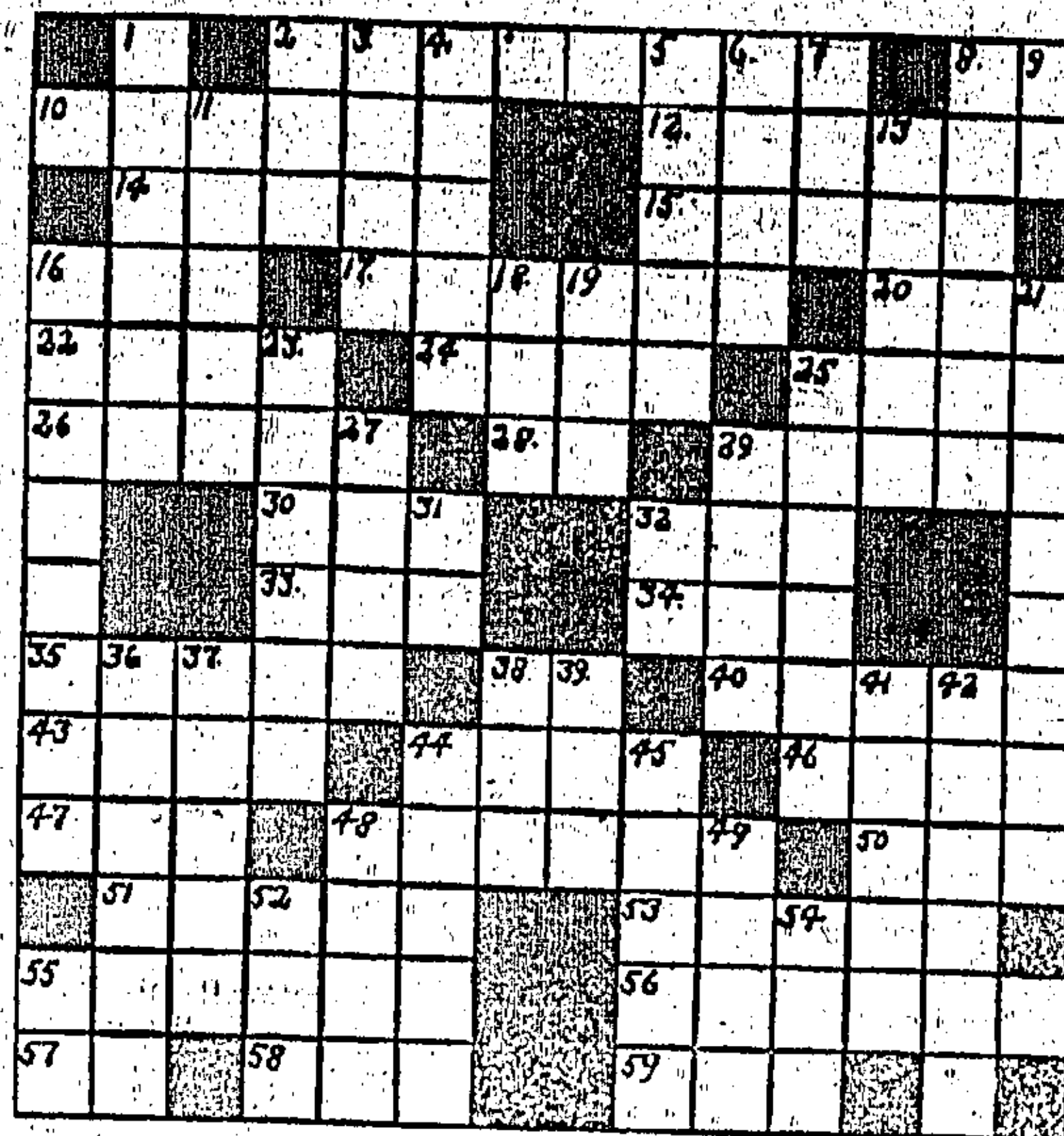
New York, Dec. 19.

The Political Science faculty of Columbia University has issued a long memorandum contending war debts settlements are unsound and foster a deep sense of grievance against the United States.

The faculty advocate complete reconsideration of debts and reparations in an international conference. The memorandum declares it is already being pointed out that the reparation payments which are holding Germany in financial bondage for two or three generations, are necessary to permit the Allies to pay the United States.

In the dictates of political expediency, the memorandum counsels "economic self interest" urges us to meet Europe half way.—*Reuter American Service.*

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Across.

2. Salt of stearic acid.
8. Seventh note of scale.
10. Race.
12. Large pieces of linen.
14. Incite to an evil act.
15. Genus of fish.
16. Drink by small quantities.
17. Something concealed.
20. Flying mammal.
22. Personal plant.
24. Origin.
25. To measure.
26. Relief party.
28. Happen.
29. Analyse.
30. Ocean.
32. First growth of a flower.
33. Make brown.
34. Age.
35. Prevent.
38. Direction of the wind.
40. An ant.
43. Resting place of a wild beast.
44. A round body.
45. A fibre.
47. An oval body covered with a shell.
48. Passing into the sun's light.
50. Nothing.
51. An acid fruit.
53. To interweave.
55. A forerunner.
56. Speech from a pulpit.
57. Like.
58. Denotes consent.
59. A newt.

Down.

1. Array.
3. A boy's name.
7. Small donations of money.
9. Come in.
6. Personal property.
11. Object indicated.
13. A fish.
19. Ermine (plur.)

NAVAL FORCES.

FOURTH FLOTILLA MAY RELIEVE THIRD.

Rugby, Dec. 18.

Orders have been given for strengthening the British naval forces in the China Station. The cruiser Emerald, from the East Indies Station, is on her way to Hongkong, and the Enterprise, a sister ship of the Emerald, left Singapore for Hongkong on Monday. The cruiser Caradoc has sailed from Malta for China.

The China Squadron has been short of one of its cruisers owing to the return home for recommissioning of the cruiser Durban. She is now visiting her home port on her way back to the Far East, and will probably reach Hongkong in three or four weeks.

The reinforcements which have been added to the China Squadron since September include the airship carrier Hermes and the Third Destroyer Flotilla, consisting of one flotilla leader and eight destroyers.

The Fourth Destroyer Flotilla is awaiting orders at Malta and the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla is in Home ports preparing for foreign service.—*British Wireless.*

TERRIFIC GALE.

MUCH DAMAGE TO SHIPPING.

Funchal, Dec. 18.

A gale of most terrific violence occurred on December 15. Enormous seas damaged shipping.

Several coasters, thirteen lighters, six motor launches and a yacht were sunk or driven ashore. The owner, a woman friend and five of the crew of the yacht were drowned. Only one on board was saved. A rescuer was killed.

The sea wall was damaged. All cables have been interrupted. Telephone wires are down. Electric light is not working. Roofs have been blown off houses.—*Reuter.*

Departure Delayed.

Malta, Dec. 18.

It is now stated that the Fourth Destroyer Flotilla will not accompany the cruiser Caradoc to China immediately. It is understood that if the flotilla goes it will probably not be before February. If so it is believed it will relieve the Third Flotilla.—*Reuter.*

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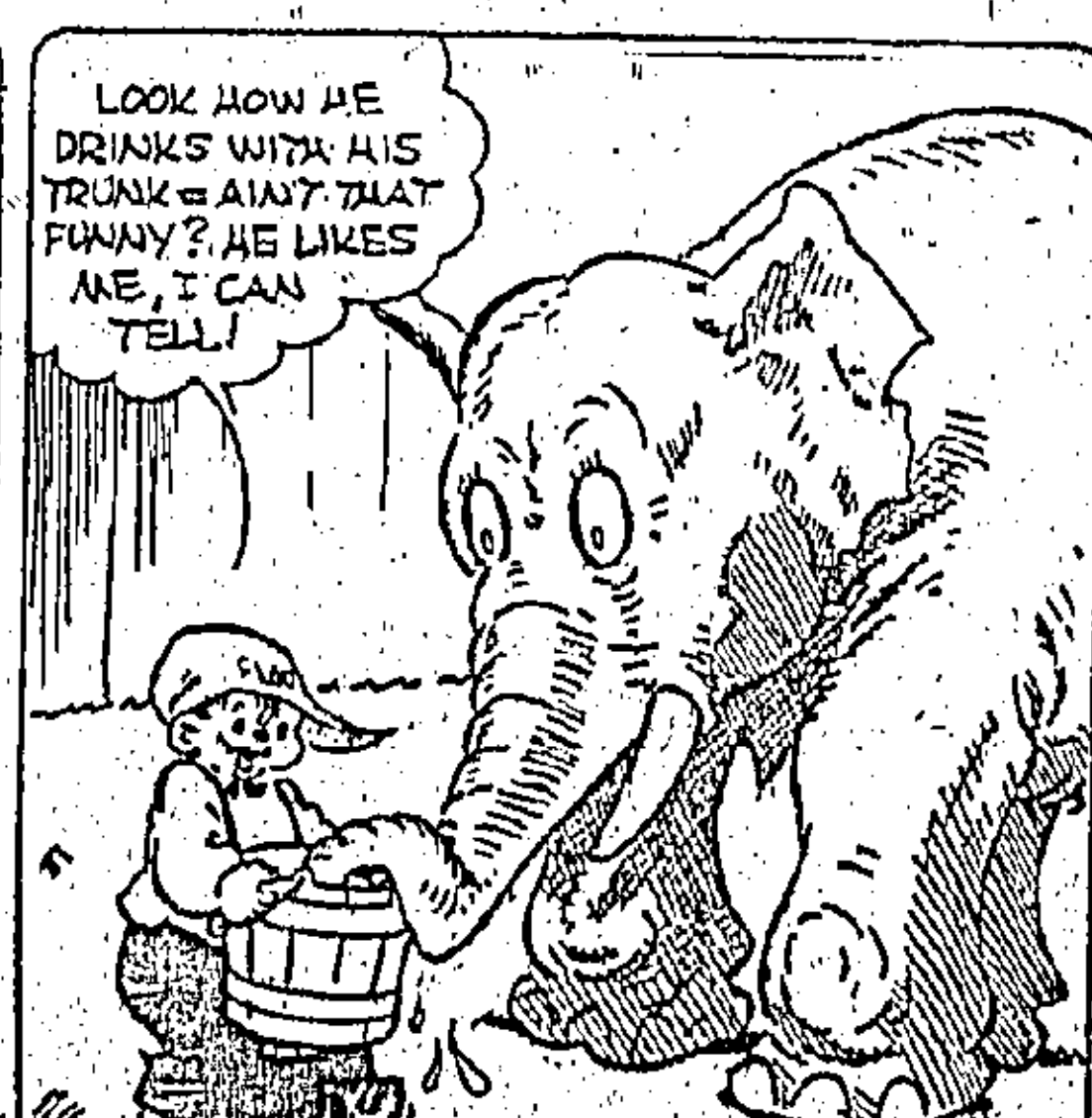
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MARRIAGE

READ—FLEMING.—At St. John's
Cathedral, on 18th December,
1926, by the Rev. H. Copley
Moyle, Robert Lythgoe, Third
son of the late Edward Wil-
liam Read and Mrs. Read of
Stoney Corner, Meopham,
Kent, to Jean Vallance,
younger daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. John Fleming, Coates
Penicuik, Midlothian.

The Telegraph

MONDAY, DEC. 20, 1926.

THE HANKOW PARLEY.

One of the most satisfactory as-
pects of the appointment of Mr.
Miles Lampson as Minister to
China is the fact that, before
proceeding to Peking, he has taken
the opportunity of getting into
direct contact with the Southern
leaders. He himself stated that he
came to China with an open mind,
and it was later announced that
he was being given the widest
latitude in discussing the situa-
tion with those whom he met.
At Hankow, we are told, Mr.
Lampson has had almost daily
conversations with Mr. Eugene
Chen, in which the question of the
recognition of the Southern Gov-
ernment has loomed large. Various
big issues are involved in this
question, and, if full agreement
has not been reached on them all,
it is something to learn that a
better understanding has been at-
tained, on both sides, of the pre-
cise points arising therefrom.
The fact that the conversations
have lasted so long may be taken
as indicating that much ground
has been covered in the delibera-
tions, and this should have the
effect of clarifying the situation
so that when the time for final
decision comes, each party will
know the others' standpoint on the
issues that really matter. This
move by Mr. Lampson, in getting
into direct touch with the
Southern leaders even before
going to Peking, is a step in the
right direction. In the past, the
representatives of the Powers
have, we fear, confined themselves
far too much to the Legation
quarter, but the personal investi-
gations now carried out by Mr.
Lampson, so as to get first-hand
information on the political out-
look, represent a healthy break-
away from this custom, for it is
only by action of this kind that
the full truth of a most complicat-
ed situation can be gained.

We are hoping that, as a result
of the conversations which have
taken place, the Southern leaders
have come to realise that Britain
stands for a fair deal in the
Chinese problem, and that, to use

Mr. Lampson's own words, all the
talk about British "Imperialism"
is sheer moonshine. It is a dis-
tortion of the truth to suggest that
Britain is the enemy of any pro-
gressive movement in China; we
take no sides in the political strife
in China. All that we want to
see is the instituting of an era of
peace and good order, the safe-
guarding of the rights of trad-
e and residence, and the establish-
ment of a stable Government
willing and able to exercise
authority in the territory which
comes under its control. So long
as these essentials are assured, it
is a matter of complete im-
difference to us what the political
leanings of those in control may
be. We naturally expect, as we
have a full right to do, the cessa-
tion of anti-British movements and
respect for Treaty provisions as
they exist until they are modified
by mutual negotiation. There is
nothing that is unreasonable or
unfair in that policy, as we hope
the Southern leaders realise by
this time. There can be no ques-
tion that much of the recent
trouble has been caused by the
unbridled licence given to labour
agitators, and in this connection
it is gratifying to see that the
Canton authorities are taking
steps to prevent the abuse of
power by the more extreme
element. As the authority of the
Southerners extends, it will
doubtless be found that there is a
very real danger in giving Labour
its head—danger not only to civil
administration in China, but the
danger also of setting up serious
international complications. In
full and frank friendship with the
Powers, the Southern leaders can
make their movement one of in-
estimable value to China, and, if
they show those qualities of real
statesmanship which the situation
demands, they will have the
satisfaction of contributing in no
small degree to the peace of the
East.

Capital And Labour.

Much interest attaches to the
report of the industrial mission
which was sent two or three
months ago by the Home Govern-
ment to Canada and the United
States for the purpose of studying
labour conditions. Apparently,
the full report has not yet been
made for the mission has only
just returned, but enough has
already been made public to show
that the members were very much
impressed with the healthier rela-
tions which exist between capital
and labour in the great countries on
the other side of the Atlantic.
We stressed in this column a few
weeks ago the fact that friction
between capital and labour in
Britain was undermining the in-
dustrial life of the nation and
threatens to cause much chronic
but really avoidable labour dis-
tress, and it would appear that the
members of the mission to the
U. S. were most forcibly struck
by the comparatively harmonious
relations which exist there. There
seems to be a keener realisation
that business and all industry
must rely on the earning of profits
and that the greater those profits
or the more stable they are made
the more likely will all parties be
to gain favourable conditions.
British industry is in need of
more modern ideas on the part of
the capitalists and a greater un-
derstanding of business econo-
mics on the part of the leaders of
organised labour, because it is in
those two particulars where the
New World gains such a tremen-
dous pull over British competition.
Both employers and employed have
to get much nearer in mutual
sympathy and understanding than
they are now, will have to do more
for each other—cheerfully and
not begrudgingly. At the present
time it is all fight—the workers
fighting for that. There are end-
less ways in which a very great
deal can be done, and we hope that
the evidence and testimony of the
mission just back will be studious-
ly pondered on and result in free-
will action. A really good heart-
to-heart conference talk between
the leaders on both sides would
doubtless reveal the wisdom and
possibility of doing something.

DAY BY DAY.

REPROOF IS A MEDICINE LIKE MER-
CURY OR OPIUM; IF IT BE IMPROPERLY
ADMINISTERED IT WILL DO HARM
INSTEAD OF GOOD.—Horace Mann.

There was a clean bill of health
in the Colony over the week-end.

The P. and O. steamer Nellore
left Shanghai on Saturday and is
due to arrive here at eight o'clock
to-morrow morning.

Following the outcry which has
been voiced by correspondents, it
is announced that the Cafe Parisien
has now been granted an adjunct
licence, which allows the serving
of alcoholic beverages with meals.

A son has been born to Sir
Claude Severn, former Colonial
Secretary for Hongkong, and Lady
Severn at their home in Earl's
Court, London. The baby is the
third child of the marriage.

The death has occurred in
Shanghai of Mr. Herbert Webb,
former editor of the China Press.
He died at the General Hospital
following an illness of about three
months' duration.

Passengers departing for Seattle
via ports by the President McKin-
ley yesterday were Sir Chow-son
Chow, Dr. H. S. Kwan, Mr. E. J.
Mothersill, Mr. C. H. Benson, Mr.
and Mrs. H. Odell, Mr. and Mrs.
Foster Turner, Mr. Carl Shank,
Commander P. H. Rolfe, and
Lieut. and Mrs. W. S. Carsons.

A copy of a well-produced al-
manac, the "Almanaque da Boa
Imprensa for 1927," containing vari-
ous illustrations and useful articles,
has been forwarded to us by the
Catholic monthly "Religiao e
Patria." The almanac is being dis-
tributed to helpers, subscribers and
friends.

The late Major-General Sir
William Julius Gaseigne,
K.C.M.G., a former General Officer
Commanding the Forces at Hong-
kong and who was Officer
Administering the Colony on
more than one occasion, left un-
settled property of the gross value
of \$15,795, with net personally
\$15,602. He died in England on
September 9 at the age of 82.

The Hongkong Electric Recrea-
tion Club held a staff dinner and
smoking concert at the Volunteer
Headquarters, on Saturday even-
ing, a thoroughly enjoyable time
being spent. Mr. C. E. Gahagan,
Mr. T. Gully and Mr. D. S. Hill
contributed to the entertainment
which followed a pleasant repast,
and Mr. Spary was at the piano.

A cold immersion in the harbour
was all that resulted from an at-
tempt yesterday by a Chinese
woman to take her life. The would-
be suicide jumped into the har-
bour from the Kennedy Town wa-
terfront, but the act was witness-
ed by an Indian, named Kassim
Hussan, and a prompt rescue was
effected.

One of two Indian watchmen
possessing the same name of Ki-
sen Singh, was to-day charged at
the Central Police Court with de-
frauding his namesake of \$357 by
representing himself as the own-
ers of that sum and withdrawing
it from the Hongkong and Shang-
hai Bank. The complainant in the
case is employed by the A.P.C.
while the defendant is also a
watchman. Mr. C. A. S. Russ ap-
peared to prosecute and the case
was remanded.

The final performance of "The
Pirates of Penzance" by the Hong-
kong Philharmonic Society took
place in the Theatre Royal on
Saturday night. There was a
crowded house, which was
thoroughly delighted with the pro-
duction. At the close, there were
most enthusiastic scenes, and a
profusion of bouquets was sent up
to the stage. The performers
later pulled a huge cracker and
threw the favours therefrom to
the audience. Subsequently, the
whole of the cast and many
friends participated in a most en-
joyable dance.

The Bishop of Victoria (the
Right Rev. C. R. Phipps) adminis-
tered the rite of Confirmation at St.
John's Cathedral last evening at six
o'clock to 48 candidates. The can-
didates comprised 32 females, and
16 males, and among the latter were
several sailors from warships in the
harbour. Present in the Choir
were the Revs. H. G. Hewitt, R.N.,
E. V. Rigden, R.N., F. Freeman,
R.N., T. Genn, R.N. and the Rev.
N. V. Halvard (the Bishop's Chap-
lain). The Rev. H. G. Hewitt read
the lesson, the Rev. E. V. Rigden
took the prayers, and the Rev. H.
Copley Moyle (Cathedral Chaplain)
preached the sermon, basing his ad-
dress on the text: "Thou God Seest
Me."

AIR LINERS.

THE CAIRO-KARACHI SERVICE.

Rugby, Dec. 19.
Yesterday marked the first stage
in the inauguration of the new
Cairo-Karachi air service.

The first of the De Havilland,
H.60, Bristol Jupiter Empire
Hercules machines left London in
the early morning and, after two
hours' halt at Le Bourget, near
Paris, proceeded towards Mar-
seilles. It was however, found
necessary to land at Lyons. The
passengers included Air Vice Mar-
shal Sir Sefton Branceker (Direc-
tor of Civil Aviation) and three
others.

The aeroplane will travel via
Naples to Malta, where it will
await the arrival of the second
machine which leaves London to-
morrow. The third machine, on
which the Air Minister, Sir Samuel
Hoare, accompanied by Lady
Hoare and his staff, will travel, is
due to leave on December 27th.
From Malta, the route will be via
Homs to Cairo, where the first ma-
chine is expected on December
24th. It will remain there tem-
porarily and the second machine
will proceed to Basra. The third
machine which will reach Cairo
early in the New Year will leave
for Basra on January 12th and
thence by way of Karachi to Delhi.

A regular service will be
operated in each direction between
Cairo and Basra forthwith, but
the Basra-Karachi section will not
open until April. The air liners
will leave Cairo each Wednesday
on arrival of the mail boat from
England and the return machine
will leave Basra every alternate
Saturday. When in full operation,
the service will bring Karachi one
week nearer to London.—British
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KOWLOON CIRCUS.

A HORSE THAT FOXTROTTS.

The circus is an ever-popular
source of amusement, and the one
now in Kowloon is attracting in-
creasing patronage from people
who are tired of the more con-
ventional amusement, and who wel-
come an evening spent in enjoy-
ing something different. An ex-
cellent programme, which is
changed every night, is maintained.
Since the commencement on
Thursday, full houses have been
the order of the day and on Sat-
urday there was hardly a vacant
seat. The various numbers are
delightfully varied and there is
not a dull moment. The won-
derfully-trained horses and ponies
are extremely clever. There is a
troupe of dappled ponies which do
almost everything but talk, obey-
ing the slightest verbal order.
But, have you ever seen a horse do
a foxtrot? If not, a visit to the
circus will convince you it can be
done—and to music, as well.
Camels are also featured, and
although on Saturday one was
rather refractory, they showed
that no little care had been spent
in their training.

One of the most thrilling turns
was the finale, in which some
dizzy feats were performed on the
trapeze, feats which made the
audience gasp, and it is worth
paying the prices asked to see
this alone. This turn consists of
nearly half an hour of thrills.
In addition, there are feats of
strength, and also dances by a
troupe of girls. The dancers go
through their numbers very
daintily, and on Saturday were
warmly applauded. Great fun is
created by the clowns, who have
many original "stunts."
The Circus is well worth a visit,
but owing to the demand for seats
it is advisable to book.

The Very Idea!

No longer will "George," the
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The brotherhood asks travellers
to call porters by their real names.
The brotherhood tells the railroad
companies that porters' names must
be hung in their respective cars.
Travellers will commit grave Pull-
manic errors at first. So accustomed
have we become to calling each
and sundry porters "George," that
we must be forgiven while we prac-
tise the new custom of "Rastysing,"
"Franking," or "Charleying,"
them. But the brotherhood is
right in recognizing the worth of
personal dignity to any employee.
No minister, no plumber, no barber,
no doctor, would have endured si-
lently throughout the years a cus-
tom of wholesale name labelling on
his profession.

A race of porters known not col-
lectively as "George," but known
individually as personalities, will
make beds softer, shine shoes bright-
er and bring the ladder with more
speed and agility.

She told friends that she could
sing.
They listened to her buzz.
And when she reached the high
c's they
All wished that's where she
was.

The newest fad in Paris is a
golden coat of mail. The vogue
was begun by Mabel Boll, a well-
known American girl, called "The
Queen of Diamonds" because of the
immense rings she wears. Miss
Boll's blouse was of fine gold mesh,
with a design in platinum. It's
quite chic, but scratchy, Miss Boll
says of it.

The Prince of Wales is amused
by a recent telegram from an
American couple about to visit
Europe. It reads: "Mrs.—and self
will be honoured if you will dine
with us on our visit to London next
month. Name your company and
your date." One of the prince's
friends suggested that the sender
might be related to the man who
rushed up to the prince in New
York saying, "Say, King, my name's
King, too." Is Royal Highness is
quite unaware of the identity of
his would be hosts?

The walls of many London houses
are being painted with country
scenes. Lady Weigall and other, old
well-known society leaders are
carrying on the fad. The custom gave proof of innocence.

is a reminiscent of scenic wall paper
that was familiar decades ago, and
is a revival of the painted walls of
ancient Pompeian mansions.

Lucy frills, sleeveless shirts, and
a decollete, covered with strands of
pearls and sparkling jewels will
soon bedeck the well-dressed young
man when he goes forth for the
evening, we are told. A syndicate
of master tailors in high convention
in Paris declares that the frilly,
frothy, colourful, dress hitherto
worn by the frills of the species will
now adorn the male, whilst his fair
companion wears the dark and im-
peccably correct tuxedo or dress
suit hitherto worn by him.

Sir Alfred Butt's list of "Rose
Marie" accessories piques curiosity.
These include:—

Number of shoes used ... 4,048
Number of costumes ... 2,444
Pairs of stockings ... 2,600
It looks—on the face of it, if
one may so stretch the point—as
if 420 young ladies had costumes
who had no shoes; 166 had stockings
who had no shoes. Perhaps it
means that one commodity wears
out more quickly than another, but
in that case one would have expect-
ed the leather—if stage shoes, are
made of leather—to give a better
account of itself.

Mabel—I hear your engagement
is broken.

Marie—Yes, Charlie acted hor-
ribly.

Mabel—I thought you broke it
yourself.

Marie—I did, but he made ab-
solutely no fuss about it.

A Polar bear in the Edinburgh
Zoo the other day swallowed a hand-
bag containing £70 in notes which
a woman accidentally dropped over
the barrier. It is one of those
episodes of which the humour is
seen only by the spectator. For
the woman, it was a serious pecu-
niary loss; for the bear a disap-
pointing hum.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

"The Pirates of Penzance"—Two Kinds of Criticism.

[BY "ALLEGRO."]

"The Pirates of Penzance" has run through its six performances and has made good. An enormous amount of work was put into it and it was rewarded by three packed houses, one nearly full, and two at least two thirds full—much heavier bookings than are usually experienced either by amateur or professional shows in this Colony. A production of that kind can be judged a success if it is financially profitable and the public is pleased with it, and both these conditions have been fulfilled beyond all expectations. The comments overheard have been quite enthusiastic and so long as it was on the whole an enjoyable show, it really does not matter much whether it was produced better by the amateurs of Yunnanfu last year or by the Philharmonic at Timbuctoo in 1910.

Of course it would be ridiculous to maintain that the production was above criticism; many things which might have been improved upon would readily occur to one who was out to find fault with the performance. There was one instrumentalist in the orchestra, for instance, whom I would cheerfully have banged over the head with his instrument had I not feared that "the consequences would be most disastrous to myself." My hand was stayed also, however, on account of my knowledge of the difficulty of finding anyone who is keen enough on music to keep up his instrumental playing out here; and when you discover an enthusiastic little band who give of their best hour after hour, week after week, in an endeavour to provide the orchestral music essential to the success of the play, it would be a very mean thing to bash in the cranium of anyone because he was somewhat below professional standard.

There are two kinds of criticism that can be levelled against any show, amateur or professional—helpful, constructive criticism and the destructive, and at times abusive, variety. There were well-wishers who actually put forward their humble suggestions to the producer, for him to act upon if he saw fit. We need not bother now with what the suggestions were, but they were made and likewise received in the right spirit without being ventilated in the press. That is the one type of criticism.

On the other hand, if you feel unduly liverish, you may dip pen in ink and rattle off some such comment as this:

"Mr. Bloch, who took the part of So-and-So, bellowed in his accustomed manner to the discomfort of the occupants of the stalls. He had been eating onions, as was the case when I heard him at the Helena May Institute on Independence Day, and I suggest that unless he discovers a new diet by to-morrow night the producer should let his understudy take the part. His wart, too, is becoming more noticeable than ever, which is quite out of keeping with his part."

That would be rather fruity to start off with, wouldn't it? Then you might go on:

"Miss Gladstone Optik, who gave a feeble impersonation of the Loose Woman, looks decidedly better on the stage than off it. Whether this is due to the artificial light or not, I cannot say, but her stage wig certainly looks less moth-eaten than her real one. Her teeth got rather in the way of her low 'bottom C's,' as was the case when she tried to sing at the Gospel Hall in 1924, but on this occasion they did not actually fall out."

That, too, would be a nice dig at somebody!

Of course, if you are going in for wholesale condemnation, it is just as well to impress your readers with your unique qualifications as a critic to begin with, emphasizing that you have been engaged in organising and criticising concerts, or switching on footlights, or making "noises off" since you were "a little boy of five." This will at once give you a certain standing, and if you say that in the whole course of your career you have never come across what you consider to be a really ideal singer or actor, people will sit up and begin to take notice. But do not make the mistake of urging lengthy residence in the Orient as a special qualification, for it

BOYCOTT FEELING.

(Continued From Page 1.)

of foreign goods up to the end of September were practically nil. The takings of the C. M. Customs here for the third quarter of 1926 amounted to Tls. 8,073, as against Tls. 24,860 for same period 1925, a decrease of Tls. 16,787.

ANTI-BRITISH FEELING.

The merchants, so far as I have been able to find out, and I have discussed the matter with many of them, declare that they will not try to handle British goods. That is, however, natural since the boycott is declared to be still on against such merchandise. Should the boycott be really lifted, there is not much doubt but that they would buy British or any other goods. However, it cannot be denied that the anti-British feeling throughout the southern districts is very pronounced. The Wansien affair has had a lot to do with that. Of course, the British side of the incident is not told, the Chinese version only being given; and, as is natural, the story is greatly exaggerated. Though the British may have had good reasons for acting as they did under the circumstances, in the eyes of many Chinese there was no excuse for the act, and the incident is being utilised for propaganda purposes even in far inland villages where I have travelled.

INLAND PROPAGANDA.

In my travels inland in Southern Kwangtung, I have taken much pains to ascertain just what is the attitude of the people of these more remote places toward Britain. To-day, as never before, the Shanghai and Canton incidents are being discussed inland. It would seem that the people of the more remote districts are only now beginning to realise what it is all about. The Publicity Department of the Nationalist Army has done and is still doing much work in this respect. Unions have been organised everywhere and the members of each Union are instructed on these subjects, and many others, by members of the Political Department of the Kuomintang. I have noted that in many cases Britishers are not hated as individuals, but wherever one goes one hears the cry "Down with Imperialism" and "Down with England."

The above is not pleasant to read, but I have taken much pains to write as near as possible what appears to be general feeling of the people I have met. I do not think one would find the same feeling everywhere, for all are not worked upon by agitators to the extent that they are in Southern Kwangtung.

Outside the Yaumati typhoon shelter yesterday, a collision occurred between cargo-boat No. 97V and the steam-launch Mito. The junk was damaged to the extent of \$200. No lives were lost.

is really an admission that you have been such a long time out of touch with all that is best in Music and Art. Having proved that you are an old-stager, it does not matter if you make any slight faux-pas, such as referring to the playing of the orchestra as "orchestration," while a little faulty grammar here and there will be forgiven.

You can now start in to ridicule the show. If it is called, say, "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne," it wouldn't be a bad idea to argue that what was really produced was "The Last" of (here mention the name of the leading lady), as she is obviously so *passé* that you are convinced it is the last time one will ever see her behind the footlights. Having expressed your feelings about all the principal artists, always leave space for a little commendation: it will win you much esteem. For instance, if all the singers or actors are really hopeless and the scenery is just as bad, look round for something else which wasn't too awful.

"Being anxious to give credit where credit is due, and indeed to magnify any laudable aspects of the production, I feel impelled to say that, were it not for a tendency to lisp and raise his eyebrows unduly, Mr. Thingamy's acting was quite a praise-worthy effort. The way he hitched up his trousers in Act IV, scene 8, caused the only real laugh during the whole evening. I must also compliment Mrs. Whatsername upon her beautiful blue garters which gave the one touch of colour to an otherwise wishy-washy play."

What did you say, Mr. Editor? Nobody would allow such criticisms to appear in print? Tut-tut! Some papers would publish almost anything!

CRIMINAL SESSIONS TRIAL.

FIVE MEN CHARGED WITH PIRACY.

The Saikung piracy case came before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, and a jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when five men were charged with the piracy of the launch Saikung, and the murder of an Indian guard. Mr. A. Dyer Ball is for the Crown, and Mr. H. S. Lo, instructed by Mr. Gordon Lensk, is defending.

Mr. Dyer Ball explained that the launch Saikung travelled between Shaikwan and Saikung, which was to the east of the New Territories. The launch was fitted with grills in accordance with the Anti-Piracy Regulations, but it was not certain whether these were closed at the time. The launch left Saikung for Shaikwan, and her course would be through Port Shelter, Futimun, and Lyemun Pass. The owner of the launch was on board, and he ordered the launch to go to an island eastwards to pick up a cargo of dried fish. A police launch saw the launch go off her course, and, as this constituted a breach of the regulations, the police launch set a course to intercept the launch when it arrived home.

INDIAN GUARD SHOT.

After having obtained the cargo of fish, the launch set out for Hongkong, but a few minutes after leaving the island, three men, armed with rifles, ran up the steps leading to the bridge. At the time, the coxswain was on the bridge with three Indian guards, whose rifles were stacked in a corner of the wheel house. Another guard was inside the wheel house. The armed men attacked the guards, and the fourth guard, who was on the wheel house with a rifle, of which he used the butt end. No. 3 prisoner tried to wrest the rifle from the Indian, and the Indian fell. As he attempted to rise, No. 3 was seen to draw his revolver and fire at him.

More shots were then fired, and two of the guards either jumped or were thrown overboard, but they were rescued. The guard who was shot died in Kowloon Hospital from a fatal wound in the abdomen, and evidence would be called to the effect that the shot was fired at close quarters.

ROBBERS FLEE.

A man pointed a revolver at the owner, who identified the man as No. 1, and told him to be quiet or he would be shot. Shortly afterwards, cried of "Police!" were heard, and the men ordered the coxswain to go alongside a fishing boat, which they boarded, and from which they landed and went away, over the hills, when it was seen they were carrying an attache case and three rifles.

They threatened the comrade and took \$520, and also robbed other passengers. One woman identified No. 5.

It was not until the coxswain blew four blasts that the police realised that there was anything wrong, and when they came aboard the robbers had gone.

THE ARRESTS.

Continuing, Mr. Dyer Ball said five men left three revolvers at a shop near Lung Sha Wan, and as they did not return for them, they were handed over to the police. Another man changed \$40 of Hongkong currency for twenty-cent Canton pieces, and it was significant that when arrested No. 1 had that amount of money on him. Other men went to a tailor's shop to buy new clothes, but when they returned the following day for the clothes they were arrested. One of them ran naked into a wash house, but he was caught, and a leather wallet containing \$7.80 was found which was believed belonged to him. Another man ran downstairs and was found in a cockpit, while another was arrested in a hut. The first prisoner was found asleep in a public lavatory, and money was found in his girdle. The case is proceeding.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

A BRIGHT PROGRAMME.

There is a bright and cheery programme at the Queen's Theatre at present, of which variety is the keynote. Dick Norton's "Globe Trotters," who make their final appearance to-day, provide a happy show, with some pretty settings and light effects, while besides a Guomont news reel there

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of a "trial honeymoon" by the girl and three other companions at holiday camp. How it all worked out can be discovered by seeing the picture. There is some excellent acting, especially by Eleanor Boardman, Ben Lyon, William Haines, Eulalie Jensen, E. J. Ratcliffe and Gertrude Claire.

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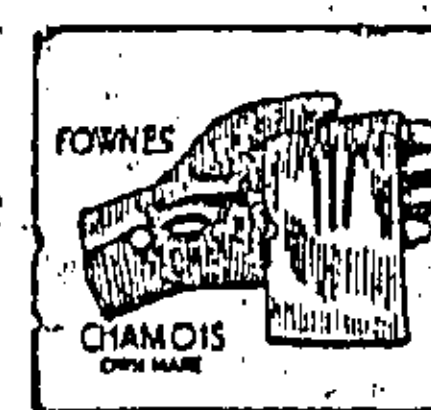
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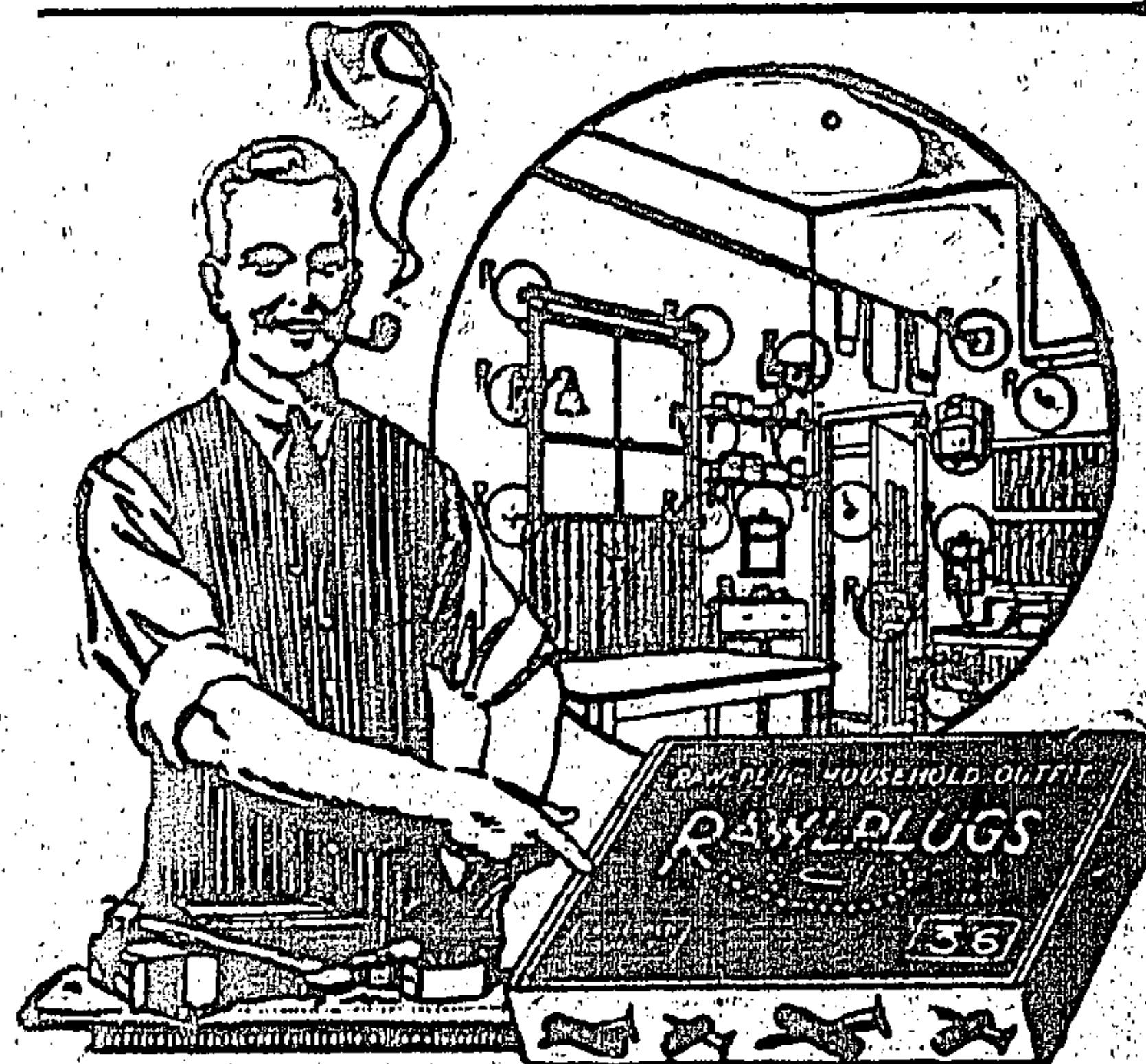
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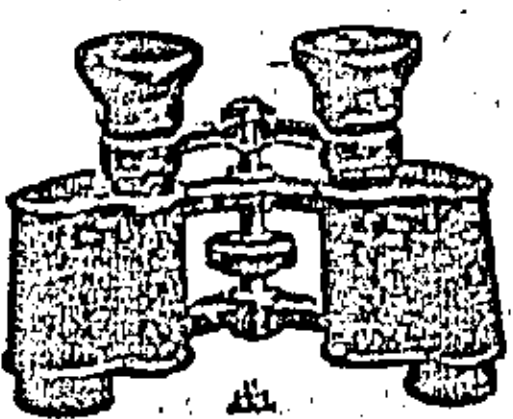
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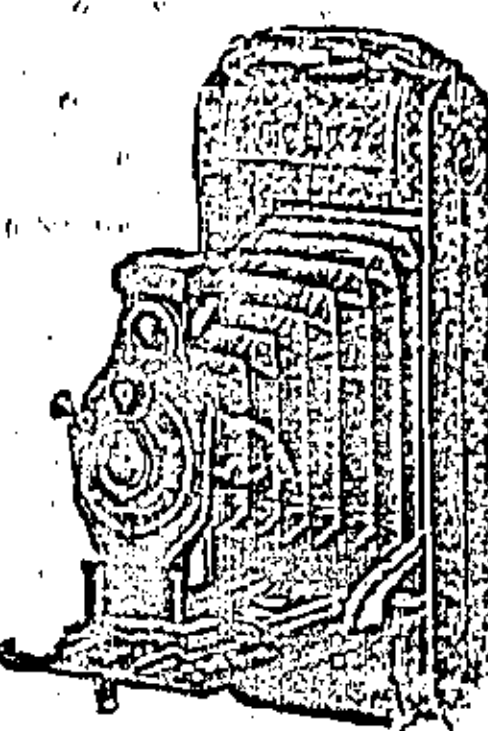
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RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

In all of the five League matches played on Saturday a definite result was reached, giving victories to the Civil Service and Kowloon in the premier League and the Navy, R. A. O. C. and the Indians in the second division.

There were also several friendly matches. An eleven captained by Lieut. Col. Cantrell, scored an easy victory over the Hongkong Cricket Club, while the Diocesan Boys' School defeated the Club de Recreio.

Chinese v. Civil Service.

On the Chinese R. C. ground, the home team were trounced by the Civil Service, suffering defeat by three wickets and nearly 100 runs. The home team batted first and compiled a total of 86, which the visitors had no difficulty in passing. At the close of play they had made 175 for the loss of seven wickets.

Yeoh was top scorer for the Chinese and Baker for the visitors.

Kowloon v. University.

The University team which visited Kowloon, a man short, was no match for the home players who after dismissing their opponents for the meagre total of 89 runs compiled the huge score of 185 for the loss of four wickets. Ramsay and Bruce were again responsible for the home team's total. Bevis made a valuable contribution.

DIVISION II.

Police v. Navy.

The Royal Navy seconds sprang a surprise on the Police by beating them by 40 runs. Batting first the Naval team knocked up a total of 102 runs when the innings was declared closed with two wickets in hand. Williams was

the top scorer for the Navy while four other players made over 20. Lacey took seven for 47 runs.

The Police made a good start but collapsed towards the end and were all dismissed for 124. Alexander claiming 33. Norris took five wickets for 55 runs.

University v. R. A. O. C.

The University seconds lost their first match to the R.A.O.C. who defeated their opponents by 54 runs. Faced with 118 runs to get to win, the University could only manage to reply with 63 runs. Lake took three wickets for 18 and Burger five for 30.

Indians v. Hongkong C. C.

At Soekumpoo, the Indians scored an easy victory over the Hongkong C. C. who batting first, compiled a total of 105. Burgess making 44 and Orr 36 not out. The home team's innings realised 116 for the loss of three wickets when stumps were drawn. S.A.R. Ismail was top scorer with 45 not out.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Hongkong C. C. v. Cantrell's XI.

The Hongkong C. C. entertained a team of service players under the captaincy of Lieut. Col. Cantrell. With the exception of Bridgland (35) and Evers (25 not out), the club team failed against the bowling of Dobbie who captured five wickets for 35 runs. Cantrell's two wickets cost him 29 runs while Beatty gave away 20 for three wickets. Of the total of 164 made by the service team, Hussey scored 44 and Col. Cantrell himself made 30 when he retired hurt.

Civil Service v. Tamar.

These two second teams met on the former's ground where the home team was defeated by 48 runs. Beasley wrought disaster among the home team batsmen, taking seven wickets for 15 of the 79 runs scored by the 'Happy Valley' eleven.

The Tamar made 127, Beasley again being to the fore with 34 not out.

Recreio v. Diocesan School. By the margin of two runs, the Diocesan School beat the Club de Recreio at King's Park. The Portuguese team made 89 runs of which Xavier scored 44. A. Lee took five wickets for 26 runs and Mackay four for 59.

After a most exciting finish F. R. Zimmermann made the winning hit only to be bowled the very next ball; F. Zimmermann scored 24 and Anderson 13. Reed took five wickets for 18 runs.

Craigengower v. H. K. Electric.

An exceptionally high score was registered by the Craigengower who had as their opponents the Hongkong Electric Company. Although set with a total of 162 runs, the home team made 167 runs for the loss of only one wicket. For the visitors, Stanesby made 58, Muskett, 38 and Murray 17. Y. Abbas claimed seven wickets for 48 runs.

The only wicket to fall was that of Ismail who collected 53 before being stumped. Leonard knocked up 76 and Omar 32, when stumps were drawn.

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AMERICAN DEFENCE.

PRESIDENT CONSIDERS
PLANS SUFFICIENT.

Washington, Dec. 19.
Despite importunate pleas by various Navy and Army officials for more funds for "absolutely necessary" expenditure for defensive equipment, President Coolidge has sent a letter to the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal expressing the opinion that the Budget estimates already submitted to Congress adequately provide for the needs of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps for the fiscal year 1928.

Later.
Senator Butler, chairman of the Naval Committee, introduced a Bill providing for constructing ten light Scout cruisers each of ten thousand tons, at a total cost of \$105,000,000 exclusive of armour and armament. In the event of an international conference for the limitation of naval armaments, the measure empowers the President to suspend the whole construction.

There have been recent murmurs in political circles regarding the President's national defence policy, especially naval. Several newspapers have voiced discontent, pointing out America's "inferiority" to Britain, particularly as regards cruisers. There are two theories, first that Mr. Butler is acting on his own responsibility, urged by a powerful big navy Republican clique, and secondly that he is collaborating closely with Mr. Coolidge, with whom he conferred for an hour last night, the idea being not to incur vast expense in building cruiser but to force the hand of Britain and make her agree to another limitation conference.—*Reuter's American Service.*

LITHUANIA REVOLT.
TROOPS TAKE CHARGE.
Berlin, Dec. 18.
The Lithuanian revolution is the outcome of a conspiracy of army officers, leaders of defence organizations and the league of war volunteers.

Troops surrounded the Parliament at Kovno. An officer entered and announced that the army had resolved to overthrow the Government whose aim was to betray the Lithuanians to the Bolsheviks.

The officer declared Parliament dissolved and arrested the President. Troops seized the railways, post office and state bank.

The revolution is led by Major Plechavicius, who has taken charge of the office of the chief general of the staff. All is quiet at Memel, but it is reported that a battle is impending near Kovno between Smetona's troops and a few loyal regiments.

Colonel Glovatsky, leader of the Lithuanian Fascists, has been appointed military governor of Klyno.—*Reuter.*

Poland Uneasy.
Warsaw, Dec. 17.
Uneasiness is felt here regarding Lithuania's future policy owing to the pro-German tendencies of Smetona.—*Reuter.*

Purely Internal.
Rugby, Dec. 18.
In well informed circles here it is considered unlikely that the military revolution reported to have occurred in Lithuania will have caused international complications. The coup d'etat which was carried out without bloodshed is regarded as a purely internal incident. A prominent Nationalist Smetona, is reported to have been proclaimed head of the State and the President and Ministers are under arrest.—*British Wireless.*

FRENCH BUDGET.
POSITION REGARDED AS FAVOURABLE.
Paris, Dec. 19.
Parliament has adopted finally, in the Senate by 208 to 8 and the Chamber by 405 to 140, the Budget providing for 39,723,310,592 francs receipts and 39,541,443,921 expenditure.

Since the foundation of the Republic this is the eighth time the Budget has been voted before the end of the year, and the first time it has been discussed in so short a period, exactly 36 days.—*Havas.*

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The contents of haversacks were examined and questions were asked concerning their practical applications.

After the inspection, each division provided its own patients, and stretcher parties were sent out to treat and collect wounded. The judges watched the actual bandaging, voting the order of treatment, and also closely questioned the parties on their return to the Base. The cases were: (i) treatment of complicated fracture of the right rib and fracture of the right thigh, (ii) compound fracture of the left leg and arterial bleeding from the palm of the hand, (iii) fracture of the left knee-cap, and (iv) Asphyxia from drowning.

These varied cases gave the members of the Brigade ample scope to demonstrate their efficiency and practical ability, and furnished in every way a thorough and searching test of the work of the Corps. The decision of the judges will be known in the course of a few days.

The officers present were the same as for last Sunday's parade. The presentation of the Swimming Trophies and of the "Ralphs" Shield will take place on the occasion of a public display of the work of the Corps, probably in early January.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

New York, Dec. 19.
Six out of eight of the crew of the coastguard schooner Lincoln were killed in an explosion followed by a fire. The Lincoln was destroyed.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE MALARIA PROBLEM.

Time was when quinine was believed to be a positive cure for malaria and that the larger the dose the more powerful was its effect. Now these theories have been proved erroneous. Whilst quinine is still recognized as an exceedingly useful drug administered in small doses in cases of malaria, its use in excess is condemned by the medical profession. In fact one eminent authority stated not long ago that overdosing with quinine actually reduces the sufferer's chance of cure.

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NYANZA	7,023	6th Jan.	S'pore P'ang C'ho & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	M'les L'don A'warp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	28th Jan.	S'pore P'ang C'ho & B'bay
MOOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles & London
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thurs.
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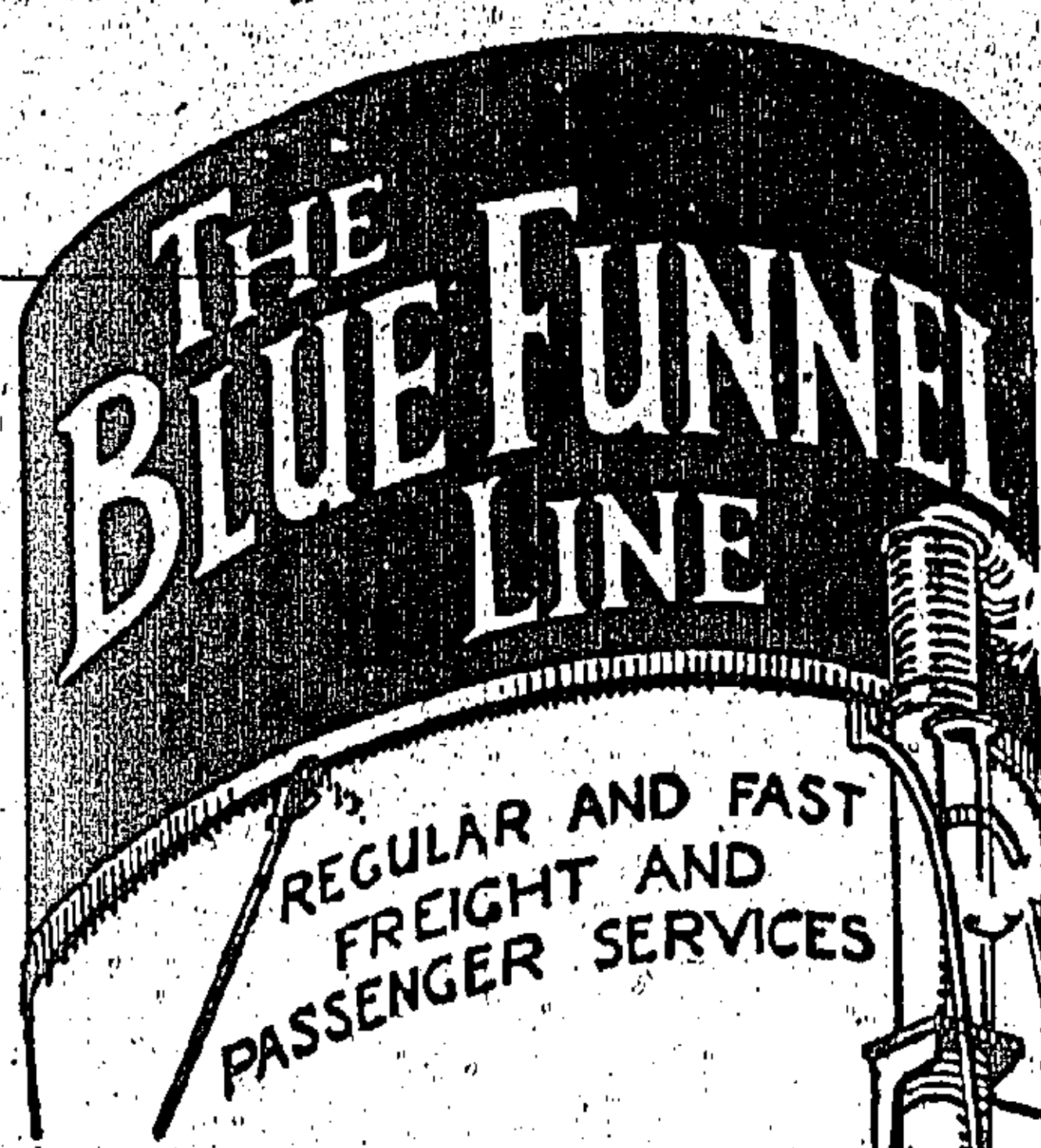
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MURDER TRIAL.

(Continued From Page 1.)

ALARM GIVEN.

One of the men ran downstairs to give the alarm, and the two partners from below appeared on the scene. One of them took the axe and placed it among some tools where it belonged, and the other partner went for the police. Sergt. Meadow and Inspector Clark arrived on the scene, and all the police witnesses would say that the prisoner smelt of drink, and was unsteady on his feet. A search was made, and in the prison's room a bottle was found, and the Government Analyst, who had examined it, would say he had found traces of alcohol.

Dealing with the prisoner's movements on the day before the attack, Mr. Nihill said that at 3 p.m. he asked Kwok Man for a loan of \$1 to go back to the country, but this was refused. At five o'clock, when he cooked the evening meal, he appeared to be perfectly normal, and two hours later, when he made his usual visit to the comrade for money to buy provisions, he asked for a rise in wages. The comrade told him to come back the following day. At eight o'clock the prisoner was smoking in the hut, and left shortly before nine o'clock. The proprietor of a stall, which the prisoner patronised, would be called. The prisoner usually spent about ten cents there, but on the night of October 19th, he ordered a big meal costing \$1.20. He ate very little of it, however, and appeared to be in a hurry and anxious to get away. The proprietor would say that he saw a bottle in the prisoner's hand, and he emptied something from the bottle into a bowl and drank it with his meal. He also had evidence to show that sometime during the day the prisoner went to a shop and bought three or four cents worth of wine.

NO MOTIVE.

Mr. Nihill continued that the Crown was not able to put forward any motive. There was evidence to show that the two men had never had a quarrel and there was no known cause of disagreement between them. He added that a motive was not an essential part of the Crown's case in a murder charge. When no motive could be found, traces of insanity were usually looked for, but medical evidence would show that the prisoner was sane, although of a low type of mentality. His fellow-workers regarded him as a quiet and unassuming man. Evidence was called at the Central Magistracy which was to the effect that the prisoner had been unsuccessful in a love affair, and that sometime in May he had been ill, but he did not consider that that helped to supply a motive.

MANY WOUNDS.

Dr. J. R. Craig, who made a post mortem examination gave evidence as to the wounds. One was a wound on the right side of the face, extending from the right ear to a length of four and a half inches. It was 3/4-inch wide at the top, and 1 1/2-inches wide at the bottom. The brain had been cleft and the temple bone fractured. Another wound was on the right cheek, three inches long, and had fractured the base of the skull. The third wound was three inches long and 3/4-inch across, and had penetrated to a depth of three inches. Death was due to a fractured skull and laceration of the brain. Witness considered that the injuries could have been inflicted by a weapon similar to the axe.

The case is proceeding.

London, Dec. 17. The trial has been concluded at the Central Criminal Court in Dublin of Patrick Brennan, William Ford and Patrick Downing, owner, lessee and operator, respectively, of the Drumcollogher cinema.

Brennan was found not guilty, and the jury disagreed as regards Ford and Downing.—*Reuter.*

Lisbon, Dec. 18. A great earthquake shock of three seconds duration was experienced to-day in Lisbon and Madeira. Considerable damage was done in Lisbon. There was much alarm but no casualties. There is no trace as to the effects of the earthquake in Madeira.—*Reuter.*

Washington, Dec. 19. The House of Representatives by 279 to 66 has passed the Allen Property Bill, providing for settlement of German-American war claims, 80 per cent of alien property held by the custodian being returned. The measure goes to the Senate.—*Reuter American Service.*

BRILLIANT GOLF.

I. W. SHEWAN DEFEATS
T. D. E. PENDERED.

LOSER'S SENSATIONAL
RECOVERY IN CHAMPIONSHIP.

THRILLING FINAL.

I. W. Shewan defeated T. D. E. Pendered by 2 and 1 over thirty-six holes in the final for the championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club yesterday. The honour fell to Shewan for the first time after some of the best and certainly most thrilling golf yet seen in the history of the competition. It is certain that nothing finer has been seen in a championship match here than Pendered's sensational brilliant form which almost saved him the game after he was in the apparently hopeless position of eight down with eleven to play. He settled down to play perfect golf, winning 'hole after hole, until with breaks in the sequence—at the 29th, which Shewan won in birdie 4, and the 32nd which was halved in bogey four, he had reduced Shewan's lead to dormie two.

STYMIED!

The match ended on the thirty-fifth green in a manner very unfortunate for Pendered. He was on the green within eight feet of the pin with his third, Shewan having made a brilliant recovery from his drive but failed to do better than just reach the edge of the green with his mashie. Shewan went for the hole and laid a stymie. With the slightest luck Pendered might have got round it but a true shot just grazed his opponent's ball and came to rest about two inches from the hole. Shewan halved in bogey five and the match was over.

A WORTHY WINNER.

Pendered did the last ten holes in 4, 5, 4, 6, 3, 4, 4, 4, 3 and 5, four under bogey, brilliant golf which was undoubtedly the outstanding feature of a wonderful match, but Shewan was a worthy winner. He droyed a slightly longer ball than Pendered, and was seldom off the straight, and when he found trouble, his recoveries were invariably brilliant.

His short game was almost perfect. Only during the late morning when six holes were halved successively, did he give anything away on the greens, and on occasion he holed out sensationally from long distance. A twenty foot putt gained him the third hole in the morning in birdie 3, at the long sixth he holed out in four by putting to within inches of the hole from the extreme edge of the green, and at the eighteenth he sank his ball for a three with a twenty foot putt.

FOUR UP IN THE MORNING.

Shewan was four up at the end of the morning round, having completed the round in 78. He continued his splendid golf in the early afternoon, winning the 19th in 4 to 6, 21st in 3, 23rd in 4, the Long Hole he again did in 4, and the Bog in bogey 3. Pendered had halved the "Twins" a bad hole for both in 5, and had won the Rise in 4 to 5, Shewan having found the trees at the latter hole and requiring three strokes to reach the green. Pendered was eight down when Shewan teed off for the 26th. Both met with trouble but Pendered's approach was perfect and he holed out in 4 to begin the wonderful display which most effectively renewed interest in the match. The stroke scores are appended:

SHEWAN.
Out ... 6 5 3 3 4 3 5 5—37
Home ... 5 5 5 5 4 5 4 5—41—78
Out ... 4 5 3 5 4 4 3 5—40
Home ... 5 4 4 5 4 5 5 5—37—155

PENDERED:
Out ... 4 4 4 4 3 6 3 5—39
Home ... 5 5 5 5 4 5 4 5—43—82
Out ... 6 5 4 5 4 5 4 5—42
Home ... 4 5 3 4 4 3 5—32—150

Shewan's best ball score was 73, Pendered's best ball was 71, and the best ball of the match was 57.

The Empress of Canada left Kobe yesterday morning and is due at Shanghai to-morrow at 1 p.m.

Leaping from the second floor of a house in Spring Garden Lane, yesterday, a Chinese received injuries from which he died shortly after admission into the Government Civil Hospital. The case is regarded as one of suicide.

SAVOY HOTEL.

SOON TO BE OPENED.

Subject to official approval of the extensive alterations, that have been effected for the purposes of adapting the building to meet the requirements of modern hotel accommodation, the new Savoy Hotel will be open to business in the course of a few days in a centrally located part of the city.

The new establishment is housed partly in the premises previously occupied by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd. In the work of reconstruction, the results obtained are remarkable and are a tribute to the constructors, for, by taking over a portion of the King Edward Hotel (regarding which the promoters had an option) and adding to this the ground floor premises given up by Messrs. Lane Crawford on the latter's removal to Exchange Buildings, they have caused a self-contained and composite hotel establishment to evolve from the previous labyrinth of rooms and shops.

As the new Savoy Hotel now is, it occupies the larger portion of the Building with a main entrance on the Ice House Street side, and an elevator serving its five floors. The entrance opens into an extensive lounge above which is a mezzanine floor which greatly adds to the sitting accommodation. A lounge is also installed on the main floor as a full licence has been accorded the promoters.

The four upper floors of the building have undergone extensive repairs and alterations, and they offer a uniform appearance as far as the lay-out of the guests' rooms is concerned.

The spacious character of the accommodation for residents at this new establishment deserves special mention. The rooms are unusually large, a feature which has enabled twin beds to be accommodated whilst separate telephones are installed in every room. Altogether, 50 rooms have been thus fitted out.

The dining or grill room, on the first floor, is stated to be one of the largest rooms of its kind in the Colony, and offers a floor space of 5,000 square feet, a fact which will also be appreciated by dancers who use this room in social functions.

The promoters of this new addition to Hongkong's already large number of hotels, Messrs. A and P. Leong Hing Kee, are already well-known in the Colony, being also the proprietors of the Hotel Metropole and the Boa Vista of Macao. They come of a family which has a penchant for hotel-keeping, and which has achieved considerable success in all its ventures.

HOME FOOTBALL.

London, Dec. 18. Playing at Leicester in fine weather and in the presence of ten thousand spectators, the first Amateur Soccer International match ever played between England and Scotland resulted in a 4-1 victory for Scotland.

League Matches.

The results of the matches played in the English and Scottish Leagues on Saturday were as follows:

Division I.
Arsenal ... 2 Tottenham ... 4
Aston Villa ... 3 Huddersfield ... 0
Bolton ... 2 Sunderland ... 2
Burnley ... 5 Everton ... 1
Cardiff ... 0 Blackburn ... 1
Derby ... 2 Bury ... 0
Leeds ... 4 Wednesday ... 1
Liverpool ... 0 West Ham ... 0
Manchester U. ... 2 West Brom ... 0
Newcastle ... 1 Leicester ... 1
Sheffield ... 4 Birmingham ... 3

Division II.
Bradford ... 4 Manchester C. ... 3
Chelsea ... 2 Darlington ... 2
Clapton ... 5 Reading ... 1
Hull City ... 2 Fulham ... 0
Middlesbrough ... 7 Swansea ... 1
Nottingham ... 2 Blackpool ... 3
Port Vale ... 0 Nottingham ... 2
Preston ... 1 Portsmouth ... 2
Southampton ... 3 Barnsley ... 1
South Shields ... 4 Oldham ... 1
Walsingham ... 3 Grimsby ... 4

Division III. (Southern).
Brentford ... 3 Weymouth ... 0
Brighton ... 3 Aberdare ... 1
Bristol ... 1 Coventry ... 2
Exeter ... 1 Charlton ... 0
Luton ... 3 Plymouth ... 3
Marth ... 1 Bristol City ... 3
Millwall ... 1 Crystal Palace ... 0
Northampton ... 1 Gillingham ... 1
Norwich ... 1 Newport ... 0
Southend ... 0 Bournemouth ... 3
Swindon ... 0 Queen's Park R. ... 2

Division III. (Northern).
Accrington ... 2 Bradford ... 3
Barrow ... 0 Doncaster R. ... 1
Crawley ... 2 Wigan ... 4
Durham ... 3 Walsall ... 0
Halifax ... 2 Stoke ... 2
Hartlepool ... 4 Wrexham ... 0
Lincoln ... 1 Rochdale ... 2
Southport ... 3 Ashington ... 1
Stockport ... 1 N. Brighton ... 0
Rochdale ... 3 Chesterfield ... 1
Trammore ... 2 Nelson ... 3

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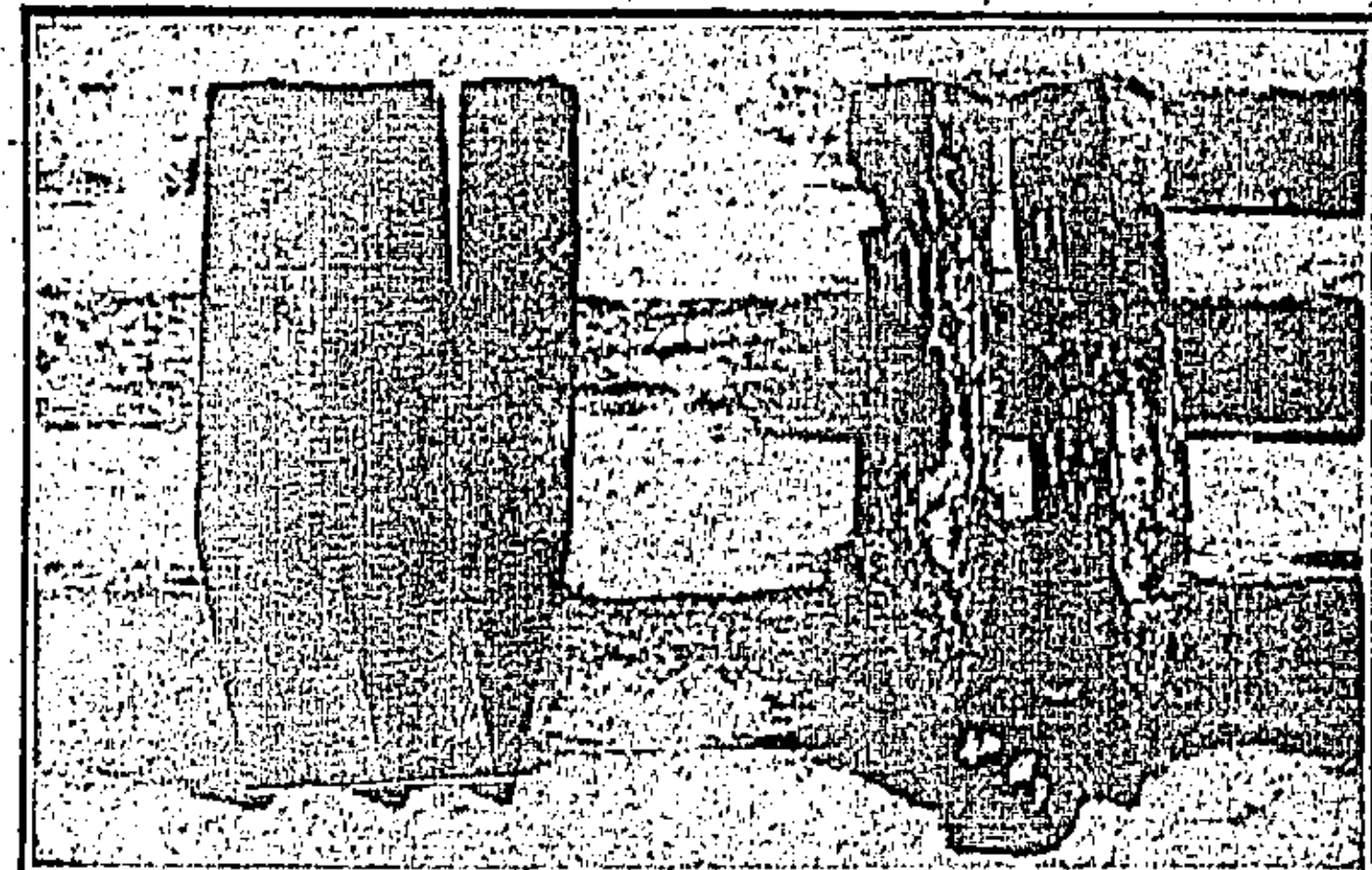
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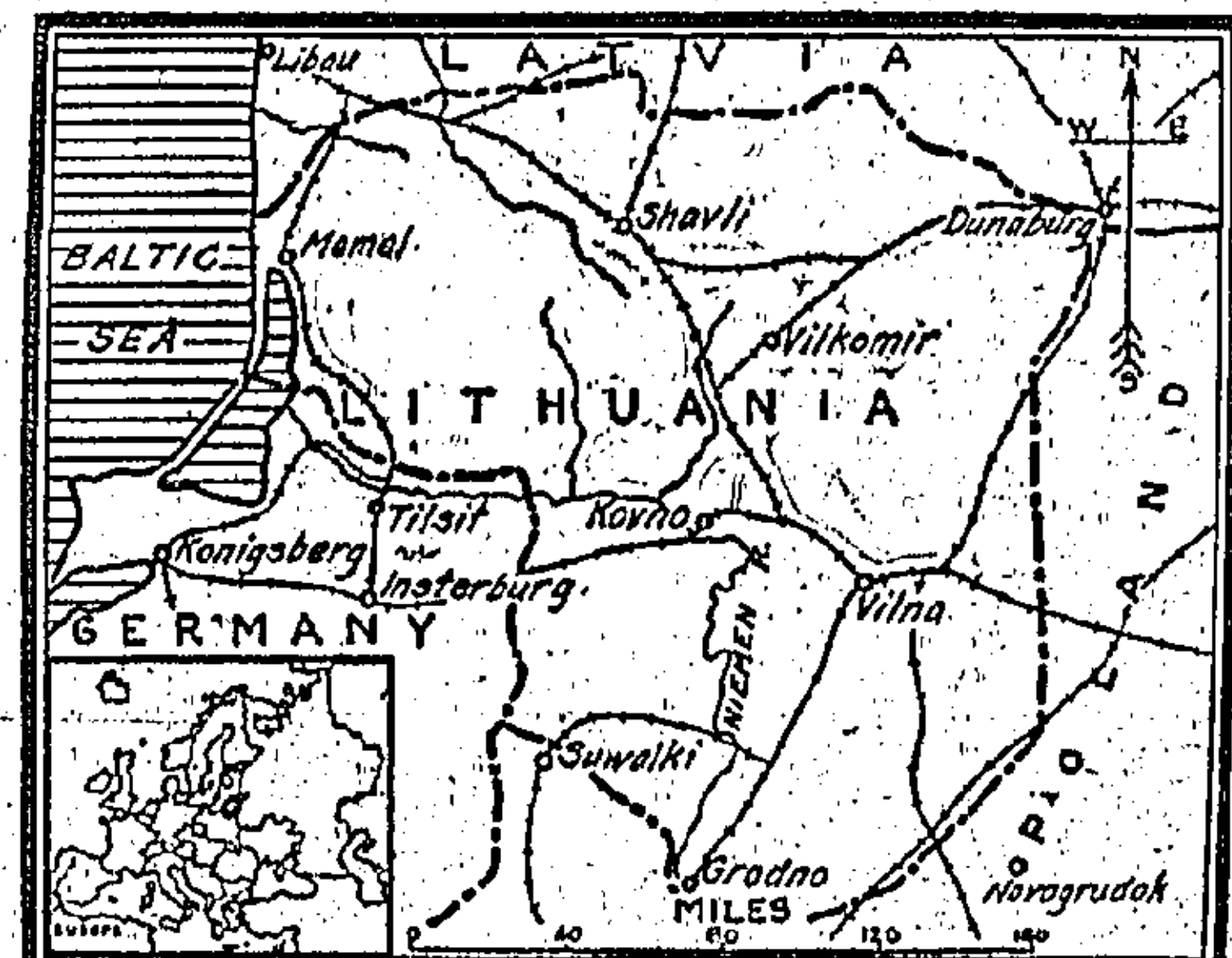
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EUROPEAN UNREST.



The above map shows Lithuania, where a military coup has been effected, and which has given rise to much political anxiety in surrounding countries.

Scottish League.

Airdrie ... 6 St. Johnstone ... 1
Glasgow ... 6 Morton ... 0
Dundee U. ... 2 St. Mirren ... 1
Dunfermline ... 0 Hearts ... 2
Falkirk ... 3 Hamilton ... 2
Hibernians ... 2 Cowdenbeath ... 0
Kilmarnock ... 0 Rangers ... 0
Motherwell ... 1 Aberdeen ... 0
Partick ... 0 Celtic ... 3
Queen's Park ... Dundee ... 0
*Not played.
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